

MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

SESSIONS IN THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

OF

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA,

NOVEMBER, 1854:

WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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MINUTES
OF
PRO RE NATA MEETING.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 4, 1854. }
9 o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina met according to the call of the Moderator, Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, Columbia, and was opened with prayer. The Moderator stated to Synod the reasons which induced him to call a pro re nata meeting, and read the Circular which had been addressed to the Members, summoning them to consider whether, in view of the epidemic which had raged in the city of Charleston, and the apprehensions of many in visiting it at this time, it is expedient to change the place of the Synod's meeting from Charleston to Columbia.

The roll being called, the following members were found to be present :

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Ross, J. Hillhouse, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, T. L. McBride, Z. L. Holmes, D. Wills, J. J. Boozer, J. McLees, D. Humphreys, W. B. Telford.

RULING ELDERS.—F. E. Harrison, Roberts; R. H. Wardlaw, Upper Long Cane; S. H. McCann, Carmel; S. R. McFall, Pickens C. H.; G. Boozer, Smyrna; John Logan, Rock; S. N. Evins, Nazareth; J. W. Simpson, Laurens C. H.; J. G. Williams, Little River; M. Thompson, Varennes; D. E. Ewart, Avaleigh; Geo. Turnipseed, Mt. Bethel.

Presbytery of Bethel.

MINISTERS.—P. E. Bishop, J. M. H. Adams, A. W. Miller, J. E. White, J. R. Baird, James Douglass, W. B. Davies, W. J. McCormick, J. H. Saye.

RULING ELDERS.—W. Adams, Bethel; James Moore, Bethesda; W. Anderson, Pleasant Grove and Catholic; F. Johnston, Ebenezer; J. E. Caldwell, Goncord and Mt. Olivet; John Brown, Beersheba; A. S. McJunkin, Cane Creek; John Adams, Waxhaw and Lancasterville.

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.—W. Brearley, W. M. Reid, M. D. Fraser, G. C. Gregg, J. A. Wallace, S. H. Hay, E. P. Palmer, G. W. Boggs, T. R. English, A. E. Chandler.

RULING ELDERS.—A. Wilson, Darlington; G. B. McCutcheon, Hephzibah and Pine Tree; M. P. Mayes, Salem, (Black River;) J. K. Douglass, Camden; A. F. Wilson, Mt. Zion; H. Cameron, Hopewell; E. R. Plowden, Brewington; R. E. Ellison, Lebanon and Salem, (Little River.)

Presbytery of Charleston.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Leland, Geo. Howe, J. H. Thornwell, J. B. Adger.

RULING ELDER.—R. T. Brumby, Columbia.

Rev. S. H. Hay was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Rev. A. R. Banks, from the Synod of Arkanzas, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Communications were received and read from the Sessions of the Second and Third Presbyterian Churches in the City of Charleston, representing the epidemic as having ceased its ravages, and that the city might be visited with safety; and urging that the original appointment of the Synod's place of meeting should stand. Whereupon, after some discussion as to the prudence of visiting Charleston so soon after the prevalence of a fatal epidemic, it was

Resolved, That the time and place of the approaching meeting of Synod be not changed.

Synod then adjourned with prayer.

GEORGE HOWE, *Moderator*.

S. H. HAY, *Temporary Clerk*.

B. M. PALMER, *Stated Clerk*.

MINUTES.

FIRST SESSION.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C. }
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1854. }

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the Third Presbyterian Church, Charleston, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with an historical Discourse, by the Moderator, Rev. GEO. HOWE, D. D., from Deut. xxxii : 7-10, inclusive, giving a sketch of the planting and growth of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina. Constituted with prayer.

Upon calling the roll, the following persons were found to be

PRESENT:

Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.—D. Humphreys, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, T. L. McBride, W. B. Telford, W. H. Singletary.

ELDERS.—F. E. Harrison, Goodhope and Roberts; R. H. Wardlaw, Upper Long Cane; Thomas H. McCann, Carmel; J. G. Williams, Little River; D. E. Ewart, Avaleigh; S. N. Evins, Nazareth; J. W. Simpson, Laurens C. H.

Presbytery of Bethel.

MINISTERS.—P. E. Bishop, J. M. H. Adams, J. H. Saye, W. Banks, J. R. Baird, A. W. Miller, J. E. White, W. J. McCormick, J. G. Richards.

ELDERS. William Adams, Bethel; John Brown, Beersheba; J. J. Moore, Bethesda; A. S. McJunkin, Cane Creek; William Anderson,

Catholic and Pleasant Grove; John Adams, Lancasterville and Waxhaw.

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.—W. Brearly, P. Pierson, D. McQueen, Joseph Brown, D. E. Frierson, J. A. Wallace, S. H. Hay, E. P. Palmer, A. L. Crawford, G. W. Boggs.

ELDERS.—H. Cameron, Hopewell; J. R. Aiken, Winnsboro'; J. K. Douglass, Camden; R. E. Ellison, Lebanon and Salem, (L. R.)

Presbytery of Charleston.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Leland, D. D., Reuben Post, D. D., Edward Palmer, Geo. Howe, D. D., J. B. Adger, D. D., John Douglas, Ferdinand Jacobs, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. L. Girardeau, A. F. Dickson, R. A. Mickle, James Stratton.

ELDERS.—A. Campbell, Second Church, Charleston; H. M. Bruns, Third Church, Charleston; William Harral, Glebe-street Church, Charleston; R. T. Brumby, First Church, Columbia; S. Clarke, Beech Island; H. S. King, Wilton.

ABSENT:

Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Ross, J. Hillhouse, A. D. Montgomery, William McWhorter, William H. Davis, C. B. Stewart, Z. L. Holmes, J. McLees, S. S. Gaillard, J. C. Williams, Jos. Gibert, J. B. Hillhouse, R. H. Reid, David Wills, A. A. Morse, J. J. Boozer, Samuel Donnelly, J. N. Cowan, Robert Logan.

CHURCHES.—Mt. Zion, Broadway, Midway, Mt. Tabor, Fairview, Lebanon, Bethia, Pickens C. H., Retreat, Richland, Nazareth, (B. D.) Willington, Hopewell, (Keowee,) Rocky Spring, Friendship, New Harmony, Duncan's Creek, Smyrna, Rock, Greenville C. H., Greenville, Rocky River, Providence, Bethany, Anderson C. H., Hopewell, Little River, (Abb.) Liberty Spring, Bethesda, Gilder's Creek, Mt. Bethel, Little Mountain, Spartanburg C. H., North Pacolet, Mt. Calvary, Warrior's Creek, Antioch, Bethel, Varennes.

Presbytery of Bethel.

MINISTERS.—J. LeRoy Davies, S. Watson, W. B. Davies, J. R. Gil-land, L. W. Curtis, J. M. Anderson, A. A. James, Jas. Douglass.

CHURCHES.—Hopewell, Cedar Shoals, Bullock's Creek, Yorkville, Unity, Unionville, Shiloh, Fishing Creek, Fairforest, Purity, Mt. Olivet, Concord, Ebenezer, Salem, Six Mile Creek, Allison Creek.

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.—J. Harrington, T. R. English, J. L. Wilson, W. M. Reid, A. Bui, J. C. Coit, M. D. Fraser, G. C. Gregg, W. W. Wilson, T. A. Hoyt, A. E. Chandler, A. D. Campbell.

CHURCHES.—Beaver Creek, Darlington, Pine Tree, Hephzibah, Mt. Zion, Midway, Sumterville, Concord, Cheraw, Salem, (Black River,) Little Pedee, Marion C. H., Williamsburg, Bishopville, Lynchburg, Liberty Hill, Brewington, Harmony, Great Pedee, Reedy Creek, Indiantown, White Oak, Horeb, Aimwell, Carolina, Pisgah.

Presbytery of Charleston.

MINISTERS.—W. S. Lee, Thos. Smyth, D. D., W. C. Howard, J. S. K. Legare, W. B. Yates, J. H. Thornwell, D. D., W. C. Dana, Edwin Cater, W. Baird, T. H. Legare, J. L. Bartlett, J. B. Dunwody, D. X. Lafar, John Forrest.

CHURCHES.—Walterboro', James' Island, Orangeburg, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Barnwell C. H.

Upon completing the roll, the Rev. Reuben Post, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and Rev. W. Banks, Temporary Clerk. Synod then adjourned, with prayer, to meet in the Third Presbyterian Church, to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C. }
 Thursday, Nov. 16, 1854, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Upon motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the last evening's session were read and approved.

Excuses were received from the absentees from the last meeting, and also from the Churches not represented, which were severally sustained.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees :

Bills and Overtures.—A. W. Leland, D. D., E. T. Buist, J. M. H. Adams, *Ministers*; J. R. Aiken, A. Campbell, *Elders*.

Judicial Committee.—G. Howe, D. D., J. L. Kennedy, J. H. Saye, *Ministers*; J. K. Douglass, R. H. Wardlaw, *Elders*.

Financial Committee.—W. Harral, S. N. Evins, John Brown, *Elders*.

Committee on Narrative.—P. E. Bishop, S. H. Hay, *Ministers*; J. W. Simpson, *Elder*.

Committee on Minutes of Assembly.—J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., A. W. Miller, *Ministers*; D. E. Ewart, *Elder*.

Committee on Records of S. C. Presbytery.—John Douglas, G. W. Boggs, *Ministers*; J. J. Moore, *Elder*.

Committee on Records of Bethel Presbytery.—D. Humphreys, A. F. Dickson, *Ministers*; R. E. Ellison, *Elder*.

Committee on Records of Harmony Presbytery.—J. L. Girardeau, J. R. Baird, *Ministers*; J. G. Williams, *Elder*.

Committee on Records of Charleston Presbytery.—D. McQueen, T. L. McBride, *Ministers*; William Anderson, *Elder*.

Committee on Religious Exercises.—F. Jacobs, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., *Ministers*; H. M. Bruns, *Elder*.

A communication was received from the officers of the Cumberland street Methodist Church, requesting supplies for their pulpit on the coming Sabbath, which was referred to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

It was resolved, that during these sessions, Synod should meet at 9 o'clock in the morning, and sit till 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read ; which was referred to a Committee, consisting of J. B. Adger, D. D., P. E. Bishop, D. McQueen, J. L. Kennedy, *Ministers*; R. H. Wardlaw, J. J. Moore, J. R. Douglass, *Elders*; excepting that portion which proposes an enlargement of the Faculty, which was referred to another Committee, consisting of J. H. Saye, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., D. McQueen, E. T. Buist, *Ministers*; H. S.

King, R. T. Brumby, *Elders*, who were instructed to bring in their Report to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

It was made the special order for 12 o'clock to-day, to receive the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

A letter was received from Rev. S. S. Gaillard, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present Sessions; and excuses for tardiness were also rendered by Rev. Edwin Cater, Rev. W. B. Yates, and Rev. W. B. Davies, which were sustained.

It was ordered that the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be presented and read in connexion with the Annual Sermon on Missions, at a time to be fixed by the Committee on Religious Exercises.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Digest of the Decisions of the Synod of South Carolina, not being ready to present the same, was continued for another year.

Nomination was made to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the election was made the special order for to-morrow morning, immediately after reading of the Minutes.

Camden was selected as the next place of meeting for the Synod, and the time fixed upon is the Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in November, 1855, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in the Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported in part, that Rev. T. L. McBride will preach to-night, at 7 o'clock, in the Central Church, and Rev. P. E. Bishop will preach to-morrow night, which appointments were confirmed.

The special order for 12 o'clock was taken up, to wit: the reception and reading of Statistical Reports and Narratives of the Presbyteries; which last were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Statistical Reports are as follows:

The PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA beg leave to report to the Synod of South Carolina, that they consist of 27 Ministers; and have under their care 47 churches, and 4 candidates; that they have ordained Mr. I. N. Cowan, and installed him Pastor of Gilder's Creek and Mount Bethel churches; they have received Rev. Robert Logan, of Hopewell Presbytery, (Ga.) and Rev. W. H. Singletary, of Harmony Presbytery, as members of this body; and Rev. P. H. Folker has departed this life.

The PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL report to Synod, that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 24 churches, 1 licentiate, and 2 candidates. They have organized one new church, *Allison's Creek*, in York District. They have licensed Douglass Harrison as a Probationer. They have received John G. Richards, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Tusculum, under their care. They have ordained and installed him the Pastor of Ebenezer Church. They have dismissed Rev. A. Enloe to the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

The PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY report, that they consist of 23 Ministers, and 31 churches, and have under their care 6 candidates for the Ministry. They have received Rev. Gilbert Morgan from the Presbytery of Concord, N. C., and dismissed Rev. W. H. Singletary to the Presbytery of South Carolina; and have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. M. D. Fraser and Scion Church, Winnsboro'.

The PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON report to Synod that they consist of 28 Ministers, and have under their care 11 churches, 4 licentiates, and 6 candidates. Of these Ministers, 8 are pastors, 7 are stated supplies in Presbyterian and congregational churches, 2 Professors in the Theological Seminary, Columbia, 1 President and chaplain in the S. C. College, 1 Seaman's chaplain, 1 Agent for the Board of Publication south of Virginia, 1 Missionary to the Blacks, and 1 Missionary to the Israelites, 2 Teachers, and 4 from infirm health W. C. They have ordained and installed the Rev. R. A. Mickle pastor of the church at Barnwell C. H.: received the Rev. Jas. Stratton, from the Presbytery of Orange, N. C., and Rev. Jas. Cohen, from the Presbytery of Albany, N. Y. And, upon the overture adopted by our last Spring Presbytery, the Rev. John Forrest, of the Scotch church in this city, has had his name added to our roll. They have licensed, as Probationers, to preach the Gospel, Messrs. Matthew Green, Thos. B. Neil, and Henry M. Smith; and dismissed Messrs. D. L. Buttoph and Thos. B. Neil, licentiates, to place themselves under the care of the Presbytery of Georgia.

Synod took recess for half an hour.

After Recess of half an hour, Synod came to order. The Synodical Committee of Education presented their Annual Report, which was accepted, and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Edw. Palmer, G. W. Boggs, W. J. McCormick, W. B. Telford, *Ministers*; A. S. McJunkin, *Elder*.

The business being in the hands of Committees, Synod resolved to anticipate the hour of adjournment, and adjourned, with prayer, till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD SESSION.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C. }
Friday, Nov. 17, 1854, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Messrs. S. L. Watson, W. W. Wilson, A. A. Morse, J. B. Dunwoody, Ministers, and F. H. Simril, Elder, of Yorkville Church, and A. O. Norris, Elder of Church at Anderson C. H., appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A communication was received from the Young Men's Christian Association of Charleston, tendering the use of their Library and Room to the Members of Synod: whereupon, it was resolved that the thanks of Synod be returned to the Association for their courtesy.

The order of the day was taken up, to wit: the Election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, when the following persons were chosen: Rev. P. E. Bishop, Rev. D. McQueen, Rev. J. Forrest, and Rev. E. Palmer, and Messrs. J. A. Crawford, W. C. Dukes and H. M. Bruns.

A statement was received from the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, in lieu of a formal Report from that Board, and was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Geo. Howe, D. D.; D. E. Frierson, J. L. Kennedy, *Ministers*, F. H. Simril, and J. K. Douglass, *Elders*.

The special order was then taken up, and the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary as relates to an increase of the number of Professors, and the nomination of persons to Professorships in that Institution, presented their Report.

A Report from a minority of the same Committee was presented by the Rev. J. H. Saye.

These Reports were both accepted, and laid upon the table for the purpose of having the Report of the Board of Directors again read. The Reports from the Committee were then taken up, and also read.

Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D. appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. Dr. Bachman, of the Lutheran Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod then resolved to hold an *interlocutory* meeting, for the purpose of considering freely and fully the subject of the above papers. After continuing for some hours, the interlocutory meeting was brought to a close, and the Synod resumed its routine of business.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported a scheme, by which the several Churches in the city were supplied with ministerial labour.

A communication was received from the corporation of the Circular Church, tendering the use of their building to the Synod; for which expression of courtesy the thanks of Synod were duly returned.

Rev. W. J. McCormick, Rev. A. F. Dickson, and Elder R. T. Brumby, upon request, obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of this body.

Adjourned with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C. }

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1854, 9 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

Rev. S. Donnelly appeared, and after rendering his excuse for tardiness, which was sustained, took his seat.

A letter was also received from Rev. J. L. Davies, tendering his reason for absence from the present Sessions, which was sustained.

A communication was received from the Pastor of the First Baptist Church, requesting that his pulpit might be occupied by members of Synod, on the coming Sabbath; which was referred to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

The Financial Committee reported the following assessment upon the Presbyteries, for printing the Synodical Minutes for 1853, viz :

South Carolina Presbytery.....	\$30 00
Bethel.....“.....	22 00
Harmony.....“.....	28 00
Charleston.....“.....	27 00—\$107 00

Mr. Perrin, President of the Society for the relief of indigent families of deceased Ministers, by indulgence of the Synod, brought the Association forward to the consideration of the body ; upon which, it was

Resolved, That the Synod appoint the hour of 4½ o'clock, for the meeting of that Association, that it may be attended by the Members who desire to do so.

The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel and Charleston, reported respectively, recommending the approval of the same : which Report was adopted.

Rev. W. Baird, desiring an opportunity to present the subject of his Agency in behalf of the Board of Publication, it was resolved to appoint a time immediately after the Devotional Exercises this morning.

It was also resolved to afford the Rev. Mr. Williams, Agent for the Board of Foreign Missions, an opportunity of addressing the Synod immediately after the reading of the Annual Report on Foreign Missions to-night.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, submit the following Resolutions for adoption by Synod :

Resolved, 1. That the blanks in the above Report be filled from the Treasurer's Account, (which has not yet been received,) and when completed, be printed, together with the Financial Exhibit of the Treasurer, in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Resolved, 2. That our Pastors and Stated Supplies be enjoined to observe, with special earnestness, the last Thursday of February, set apart as a day of prayer for the conversion of the young, and for the increase of the Ministry ; and to bring their offerings to this cause of

Christian education, by taking up a collection, either on that day, or upon the first Sabbath after, that may be practicable.

Resolved, 3. That the death of so many efficient labourers during the past year, and the increasing demand for Ministers, in this rapidly extending country, call upon the Church, not only for increased prayer, but also the more faithful religious training of households, in hope of the blessing of God upon every effort to raise up a faithful Ministry.

On motion, the same Standing Committee of Education was re-appointed.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented Overtures Nos. 1 and 2, which were placed on the docket.

The Committee on the Endowment of Professorship in Oglethorpe University presented their Report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Report of the Trustees :

The Committee on the Oglethorpe Endowment beg leave to present to the Synod their Annual Report. The following tabular view, made out chiefly from the Reports of our former Agent, J. R. Blake, will exhibit the original assessments, and the present state of the subscriptions and collections in the several Presbyteries and congregations :

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

	Apportion- ment.	Am't. sub- scribed.	Amount paid.	Over appor- tionment.	Deficien- cy.
Upper Long Cane,....	\$323	\$500 25	\$490 25	\$ 82 25	\$
Nazareth,.....	275	275	275		
Greenville,.....	240	240	240		
Fairview,.....	240	115	105		125
Hopewell, (Abbeville,).	240	108	33		132
Willington,.....	240	252	222	12	
Lebanon,.....	200	200	200		
Rocks,.....	200	520	390	320	
Rocky River,.....	200	80	60		120
Providence,.....	200	131	131		69
Aveleigh,.....	162	208	208	46	
Bethany,.....	162	124	70		38
Carmel,.....	162	162	162		
Good Hope,.....	162	107	105		55
Hopewell, (Keowee,).	162	162	162		

	Apportionment.	Am't. subscribed.	Amount paid.	Over apportionment.	Deficiency.
Laurens,	162	162	162		
Liberty Spring,	162	162	151		11
Little Mountain,	162	142	85		20
Rocky Spring,	162	162	162		
Anderson C. H.,	130	130	130		
Roberts,	130	130	130		
Mt. Zion,	96	61	61		35
Varennnes,	96	76	74		20
Antioch,	65	30	30		35
Smyrna,	65	65	65		
Bethesda,	64	52	52		12
Friendship,	65	65	65		
Little River,	65	65	65		
Midway,	65	65	35		
Mt. Tabor,	65	10 50	9 25		54 50
Warrior's Creek,	65	55	51		10
Broadaway,	48	56	58	10	
North Pacolet,	48	48	48		
Guilder's Creek,	32	32	32		
Duncan's Creek,	16	16	16		
Bethel,	16	16	16		
Spartanburg C. H.,	61	61	61		
Pickens C. H.,	16	7 25			8 75
Greenville C. H.,	16	20	20	4	
Mt. Calvary,					
Retreat,					
New Harmony,					
Bethiah,					
Richland,					

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

Camden,	\$448	\$538	50	\$ 90	50	\$ 90	50	\$
Hopewell,	348	212		212				116
Williamsburg,	348	305		230				43
Mt. Zion,	348	348		348				
Indian Town,	348	362		362	14			
Salem, (B. R.),	348	348		348				
Cheraw,	348	110		110				238

	Apportion- ment.	Am't. sub- scribed.	Amount paid.	Over appor- tionment.	Deficien- cy.
Lebanon,	261	261	261		
Winnsboro',	261	376	351	115	
Sumterville,	261				261
Concord,	261				261
Midway,	174	60			114
Salem, (L. R.)	174	174	174		
Darlington,	174	140	125		34
Brewington,	174	101	145		29
Beaver Creek,	174	174	174		
Liberty Hill,	174	174	174		
Bishopville,	174	174	104		
Aimwell,	124	124	103		
Horeb,	124				
L. Pedee,	87	93		13	
Carolina,	87				87
Pine Tree,	87	87	87		
Reedy Creek,	87	87			
G. Pedee,	87	87 50	87 50		
Harmony,	87	87	20		
Hephzibah,	87				87
Pisgah,					

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

2d Church, Charleston, \$1655	\$1655	\$1655		
Columbia,	500	621	621	121
Glebe Street,	435			435
James' Island,	217	225	225	8
Beech Island,	217	246 50	29 50	
Walterboro',	200	80	80	120
Wilton,	174	174	174	
Boiling Springs,	100	100	100	
McPhersonville,	100	100	100	

The whole amount subscribed in the three Presbyteries, is \$12,500 50, of which there remains to be collected in the Presbytery of South Carolina, \$556,—in the Presbytery of Harmony, \$469.

At the meeting of the Synod last year, Messrs. Andrew Crawford, John S. Scott, and Prof. R. T. Brumby, were appointed an Investing

Committee as to these funds. Mr. Andrew Crawford has declined acting. The other members of the Committee have received from us the several certificates of stock, notes, and accounts in our possession, to the amount of \$22,901 24. About \$1,498 in notes, are in the hands of local Committees; the remainder consists of subscriptions not yet collected.

Your Committee would again urge upon the Churches yet in arrears, the great importance of closing up this whole effort, and rendering it complete and secure. And we cannot forbear alluding once more to the very undesirable condition of a considerable portion of this Endowment—that consisting in the notes of subscribers, scattered over the State, some of whom have died since the notes were given, or have removed to other remote States of the south and west. These notes cannot be collected, save at the pleasure of the subscribers.—The interest on each is a small sum, and we cannot afford the expense of an agency to look after these sums, and see them punctually paid. We would press upon the generous givers of these notes the importance of their payment, that there may be a consolidated investment of all that belongs to this Endowment. Until this is the case, our embarrassment will be great, and losses must constantly occur.—There is no end to this matter, which the Synod has undertaken, until all is paid and solidly invested.

We would bring to the notice of the Synod that Professor Lane's salary has never been fixed by any vote of this body. Hitherto he has received but 1200 dollars, a sum far too small, and only justifiable by the state of the Endowment. About 800 dollars are due from the contingent to the permanent fund of the Professorship, occasioned chiefly by the expense of its collection, unless the Synod order so much to be deducted from the original subscriptions. But it ought not to prevent our Professor, whose duties are arduous and ably performed, from receiving a competent support.

The Committee to whom were referred all the above papers, touching the interest of Oglethorpe University, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom were submitted the Letter of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Oglethorpe University, and the Report of the Committee on the Endowment, beg leave to report, for the consideration of Synod, the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices in the continued and increa-

sing usefulness of the Oglethorpe College, and especially in the fact that it has been so often visited with revivals of religion, and that so large a number of its graduates have been honoured by Christ, our Head, with a call to the Ministry of Reconciliation.

2. *Resolved*, That while this Synod sympathises with the College in its struggles, and with the Faculty in their privations, we do not think it expedient, *at this time*, to embark in new efforts for its endowment, as the churches have all been so recently solicited in its behalf, and there still remain collections to be made before the Carolina Professorships can be regarded as complete and secure; and because also, this Synod, at its last Session, resolved upon the foundation of a fourth Professorship in the Theological Seminary, which will require all its present ability to accomplish.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Oglethorpe Endowment be instructed to use all diligence in the collection of the outstanding notes, as far as practicable, and of the remnant of the subscriptions and assessments; that they be authorized to pay Prof. Lane \$1500 for the present year, and as soon as the debt to the permanent fund can be replaced, the entire proceeds of the Endowment be appropriated for his support.

The first order of the day was taken, and Synod spent an hour and a half in devotional exercises, according to the scheme arranged by the Committee on the same.

Rev. E. T. Williams, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Nomination was made of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, and the election was made the Special order for Monday morning, at 9½ o'clock.

The second order of the day was taken up, and Rev. W. Baird was heard upon the interests of the Board of Publication, in whose service he is engaged: whereupon it was

• *Resolved*, That a Committee of Colportage be raised, to report the best method of carrying on the work of Colportage within our bounds.

The following persons were appointed the Committee under the above Resolution: E. T. Buist, D. McQueen, W. B. Davies, *Ministers*; Wm. Harral and F. E. Harrison, *Elders*. To this Committee was also referred Overture No. 2, requesting Synod to consider the expediency of establishing a Depository of the Books of the Board of Publication, in the city of Charleston, or elsewhere.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Synod, desiring that the interesting and valuable information respecting the early establishment of the Presbyterian Church in this State, contained in the opening Sermon, by Rev. Dr. Howe, should be more extensively diffused among our Churches, hereby requests Dr. Howe to furnish a copy for publication in the "Southern Presbyterian."

The unfinished business was now taken up, and the Synod resolved itself into an interlocutory meeting, when the discussion was resumed upon the Theological Seminary, which was continued several hours, and arrested by a motion for recess till 4½ o'clock this afternoon.—Before the putting of this motion, Mr. H. Cameron, elder of Hopewell Church, obtained leave of absence among the remaining Sessions.—Synod took recess till 4½ o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M.

After recess, Synod met, and held an interlocutory meeting, when the discussion on the Seminary was resumed, and after continuing some time, took a test vote, which was in favour of the transfer of Dr. Thornwell from the College to the Seminary.

Synod then took recess till 7 o'clock.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and heard the Annual Discourse on Foreign Missions from Rev. J. A. Wallace; also, an Address on the same subject, by Rev. E. T. Williams. After which, adjourned with prayer, till 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

FIFTH SESSION.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C. }

Monday, Nov. 20, 1854, 9 o'clock, A. M.)

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the Sessions of Saturday were read and approved.

The first special order of the day was taken up, and the election of persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University was entered into, which resulted in the choice of J. L. Kirkpatrick, John Douglas, M. D. Fraser, J. F. Gibert, *Ministers*; J. Gilham, S. Clark, *Elders*.

Rev. W. B. Telford, *principal*, and J. L. Girardeau, *alternate*, was elected to preach the Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions at the next meeting of the Synod.

The Special Committee on Colportage submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the several matters respecting the operation of the Board of Publication, having taken the whole subject, as presented by the Agent of the Board, into consideration, respectfully report the following Resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod cherish, with unabated affection, the Board of Publication of our Church, and regard its publications as a most wise, economical and efficient means of building up our own Church in the knowledge of Divine truth, combating error, and diffusing a sound religious literature throughout the world.

2. *Resolved*, That the "Library Plan" of supply, proposed by the Agent, meets our cordial approbation : and we strongly recommend that each Church of the Synod procure, as speedily as possible, a complete set of the Books of this Board.

3. *Resolved*, That in addition to the supplying themselves with Books, each Church should regard it a duty and privilege to engage systematically in supplying the destitute around them with the Publications of the Board, thus doing their part toward filling the earth with the knowledge of God and his great salvation.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all our Presbyteries to take a more direct supervision of the Colportage operations within their bounds, selecting judicious and well-qualified men, and aiding them in supplying such destitute parts of their territory as cannot be conveniently reached by any of their Churches.

5. *Resolved*, That the present embarrassment of the Board from its extended Colportage operations, calls loudly upon our Ministers and Churches for immediate exertions in its behalf.

Your Committee also believe that the establishment of a large Depository of the Books of the Board in this city is eminently

desirable, but they are not prepared to decide on its practicability, they offer, therefore, the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Board on this subject,—ascertain the requisite expense, and if deemed practicable, present, at the next meeting of Synod, a plan of operations.

The following persons were appointed the Committee under the Resolution of above Report: J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Thomas Smyth, D. D., *Ministers*; W. C. Dukes, James M. Caldwell, James B. Betts, *Elders*.

The Committee on the Narrative reported that the Narratives of all the Presbyteries had not been placed in their hands, and that they were unwilling to render a partial statement of the state of religion; whereupon it was

Resolved, That these Narratives be placed still in the hands of the Chairman, who shall digest a Narrative at his leisure, and forward the same to the Clerk, to be entered upon the Records.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to report on the subject of a Synodical Female College, presented their Report, which, on motion, was referred to the same Committee, who were continued till the next meeting of Synod.

The unfinished business of Saturday was resumed, when the following Resolution was adopted :

Whereas, at an interlocutory meeting of this Synod on Saturday evening last, a test vote was taken on the subject of the transfer of Dr. Thornwell from the College to the Seminary, resulting in 44 votes in favour of that transfer, and 14 votes against it, the Clerk do now call the roll, and opportunity be given to all present to record their votes this morning, by ayes and naves.

Upon calling the roll under the foregoing Resolution, the vote stood as follows :

Ayes.—T. L. McBride, W. B. Telford, J. M. H. Adams, W. Banks, J. R. Baird, A. W. Miller, J. G. Richards, W. B. Davies, S. L. Watson, W. Brearly, P. Pierson, D. McQueen, Joseph Brown, J. A. Wallace, D. E. Frierson, S. H. Hay, E. P. Palmer, G. W. Boggs, W. W. Wilson, A. W. Leland, Reuben Post, Edward Palmer, Geo. Howe, J. B. Adger, John Douglas, Ferdinand Jacobs, J. L. Kirkpatrick, B. M. Palmer, T. H. Legare, J. L. Girardeau, R. A. Mickle, James Stratton, Edwin Cater, W. Baird, Thomas Smyth, J. B. Dunwody, James Cohen, D. E. Ewart, Wm. Adams, John Brown, J. J. Moore,

William Anderson, John Adams, F. H. Simril, J. K. Douglass, R. E. Ellison, William Harral, H. M. Bruns, A. Campbell, S. Clark.—50.

Nays.—D. Humphreys, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, W. H. Singleary, A. A. Morse, P. E. Bishop, J. H. Saye, J. E. White, W. B. Yates, W. S. Lee, F. E. Harrison, R. H. Wardlaw, Thos. H. McCann, S. N. Evins, J. R. Aiken, J. W. Simpson, H. S. King, A. O. Norris, A. S. McJunkin.—19.

On motion it was

Resolved, That Synod do now proceed to the nomination of a Professor to fill the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in the Theological Seminary.

The election to such Professorship was made the special order for 2 o'clock, P. M., and the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D. was then nominated to that Professorship. It was further

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary as relates to the enlargement of the Faculty be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the remainder of the same Report, to prepare a minute which should express the views of this Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported that they found nothing in that document calling for the special attention of this body, except such matters as will be brought before it in other forms.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to visit the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, made a verbal Report, stating that they had performed the duty assigned them,—had been kindly received, and that a similar delegation had been appointed by that Synod to visit our body, and a Committee raised to confer with any similar Committee appointed by this Synod.

On motion, the same Committee was continued, with the addition of Rev. J. C. Williams, to whom was entrusted the duty of conferring with the Committee of the Associate Reformed Synod.

The following Preamble and Resolution were submitted to the consideration of Synod, and were adopted :

Whereas, this Synod presented an Overture to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church of the South, on the subject of Christian coöperation or union with that body,—whereas, in pursuance of this most desirable object, a Committee was appointed by this Synod to meet that body,—whereas, that Committee were most cordially received by the Associate Synod of the South, who appointed a Com-

mittee to represent their views in this body,—and whereas, as a basis for such coöperation or union, some compromise on the subject of Psalmody is necessary,—and whereas our General Assembly laid on the table without consideration the unanimously expressed wish of this Synod to have a supplement to our book of Psalmody prepared, including the whole or a number of the Psalms, as rendered in the Scottish version, the Psalms in the prose authorized translation adapted to chanting, and any hymns or versions of Scriptural selections which may be desired by portions of our Church,—be it therefore

Resolved, That this Synod do now appoint a Committee, to report such a Supplement to the next Synod, with a view to its authorized publication, for the use of the Churches within our bounds, and of any other Churches who may desire to do so.

The following persons were appointed a Committee under the above Resolution, to wit: Thos. Smyth, D. D., B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., F. Jacobs, and Edwin Cater, *Ministers*.

The following Resolution was adopted in addition to the Report of the Committee on Colportage:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Board of Publication, and to report to the next Synod, be authorized to suggest, if deemed practicable by them, some plan by which, without separating itself from our Board, this Synod may give to our operations in this important sphere of usefulness, some form of independent and efficient action.

A communication was received and read from the Proprietors of the *Southern Presbyterian*, touching the interests of that journal: whereon, on motion, it was resolved that a Committee be raised to draft Resolutions on the subject of said paper. G. Howe, D. D., E. T. Buist, W. Banks, were appointed this Committee.

The hour of half past 4 o'clock this afternoon was appointed for the meeting of the Society for the relief of the indigent families of deceased Ministers.

Leave of absence was granted for the remaining Sessions of Synod to Rev. W. B. Davies, and Elder D. E. Ewart.

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, reported that they had not been placed in their hands, and were therefore discharged.

On motion, the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was re-appointed for another year.

It was

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Seminary be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod for the present year.

Overture No. 1, was taken up, and referred to the next annual meeting of the Synod; which reads thus:

Resolved, That the Synod of South Carolina be overtured upon the propriety of taking measures, as a Synod, for the more complete supply of the destitutions within its bounds, uniting the different Presbyteries in some combined efficient action: or, of considering the propriety of uniting with other Southern Synods in urging the Assembly to establish a Southern Committee of Domestic Missions, co-ordinate with the Western Committee at Louisville, which shall be, in like manner, connected with the Board at Philadelphia.

The special order for 2 o'clock was taken up, to wit: the Election of a Professor to fill the chair of Church History und Polity, when the Synod engaged in prayer, for the Divine direction in this important business, conducted by Rev. W. S. Lee, and Rev. E. T. Buist. The ballot being declared, Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D. was unanimously elected, having received sixty-one votes.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, submitted their Report: pending the discussion upon which, Synod took recess till half past 6 o'clock, P. M.

6½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod met.

The Committee on Colportage, appointed at the last meeting of Synod, presented their Report, which was accepted and approved.

The unfinished business, on the Report of the Directors of the Seminary, was taken up; and said Report was accepted and amended, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of Directors of the Seminary, excepting so much of that Report as relates to the enlargement of the Faculty, have found in that Report four points of interest and importance, demanding the attention of this Synod and of the Synod of Georgia, in reference to which matters they recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to transfer \$1839 18 from the interest of the Telfair Timothy Scholarship funds, to the old

fund in South Carolina, in order to replace in that fund the amount of a note belonging to it, which has, during the past year, become merged in the general fund.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod would hold out to the benevolence of individuals and of churches the endowment of a fund in connection with the Seminary, the interest of which should be applied, as at some other like institutions, to the reduction of the price of boarding.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod are impressed with the importance of our securing, if possible, the aid of the Synods of Alabama and Mississippi in the support of the institution; and that inasmuch as the Board have failed in their efforts regarding this matter, this Synod do now appoint Drs. Palmer, Kirkpatrick and Adger, to visit those Synods, and that they request the Synod of Georgia to appoint some of their number to accompany this deputation.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod do hereby overture the Synod of Georgia to consider, at their approaching meeting, the propriety of a change in our present constitutional provisions for filling vacancies in the Faculty, either, 1, by remitting the election to the Board of Directors, subject to a veto by the Synod; or, 2, to commit it to a College of Electors, who shall be especially appointed, who shall meet at some central point, as, for example, at Augusta, and whose decisions shall be final; or, 3, to initiate some other arrangement, which shall avoid the serious inconveniences to which the present plan has for years been subjecting the Synods and the Seminary.

The same Committee submitted the following recommendations, and resolutions, which were adopted:

With respect to the endowment of the Fourth Chair, this Synod would hereby express its readiness to join our sister Synod of Georgia, (together with the Synods of Alabama and Mississippi, if they can be induced to coöperate,) in the endeavour to raise \$40,000 for a fourth chair, and \$15,000 for the increase of the Library.

And whereas, provided the Synod of Georgia shall take favourable action upon the report of the Board of Directors, and elect a Professor to a Fourth Chair, it will be necessary for this Synod to meet for the purpose of confirming that election, therefore,

Resolved, That an adjourned meeting be held in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church in Columbia, on the Thursday before the second Sabbath in December, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Synod of Georgia, in

case they should approve of the suggestions of the Board relative to a Fourth Chair, to change the name of the Second Professorship, and call it the Professorship of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, and that the name of the Fourth Chair be the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Rev. Dr. Leland, and Rev. W. Baird, were appointed a Committee to attend the approaching meeting of the Synod of Georgia.

The Committee appointed to consider the communication from the Proprietors of the *Southern Presbyterian*, presented the following Report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

Resolved, That the *Southern Presbyterian* has occupied a very important place among the Periodicals of our Church, and is indispensable as a medium of intercommunication between the Churches of this part of our country : and further, that it is of great importance to the Church, and his own progress, that every Presbyterian be a reader of this, or some other paper of like contents and spirit.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend this paper to the patronage of its Churches, and requests our several Ministers and Elders to make all suitable efforts to introduce it into general circulation throughout our bounds.

It was

Resolved, That the several Presbyteries be directed, at their next Spring Sessions, to take measures to have a complete and correct list of the Ruling Elders of all our Churches, for the use of the Stated Clerk of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the several congregations of this city for the kindness and hospitality experienced by the members of this body ; and that the several Pastors be requested to communicate this Resolution to their Churches.

Resolved, also, that our cordial thanks be communicated, by our Stated Clerk, to the Presidents of those Rail Roads who have generously offered to give free tickets for the members of this Synod to return home on their respective Roads.

Synod then adjourned with singing and prayer, to meet in Columbia, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in December next.

R. Post, *Moderator*.

W. BANKS, *Temporary Clerk*.

B. M. PALMER, *Stated Clerk*.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING.

COLUMBIA, (S. C.) Dec. 7, 1854. }
Thursday, 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, and in the absence of the Moderator, Dr. Post, of Charleston, was opened with prayer, by the last Moderator present, Dr. Howe.

Upon calling the roll, forty-four members were found to be present, as follows :

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Ross, T. L. McBride, S. S. Gaillard, J. C. Williams, J. B. Hillhouse, D. Wills, A. A. Morse, W. B. Telford, W. H. Singletary.

ELDERS.—Dr. J. P. Watts, Liberty Spring; A. O. Norris, Anderson C. H.; Chancellor Job Johnston, Avaleigh.

Presbytery of Bethel.

MINISTERS.—P. E. Bishop, W. Banks, A. W. Miller, J. E. White, J. R. Baird, W. J. McCormick, J. G. Richards.

ELDERS.—William Anderson, Catholic, and Pleasant Grove; G. H. Neely, Fishing Creek; A. Walker, Purity; Samuel M. Johnson, Ebenezer; W. P. McFadden, Hopewell; A. D. Choat, Allison's Creek.

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.—W. M. Reed, M. D. Fraser, G. C. Gregg, S. H. Hay, W. W. Wilson, E. P. Palmer, D. McQueen, G. Morgan.

Presbytery of Charleston.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Leland, G. Howe, J. Douglas, B. M. Palmer, J. L. Girardeau, J. B. Adger, W. B. Yates, J. H. Thornwell, J. B. Dunwody, E. Cater.

ELDER.—A. L. Kline, Columbia.

Rev. W. Hemphill, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and Rev. J. B. Anthony, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Carolina and the adjacent States, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A letter was received and read from the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Post, offering reasons for absence from the present meeting, which were sustained.

A communication was received and read from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Georgia,—the only item which called for the action of this body being the election of Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell, by the Synod of Georgia, to the Professorship of Didactic Theology in the Theological Seminary.

It was moved that this Synod now proceed, after the Devotional exercises prescribed by the Seminary Constitution, to vote by ballot for the confirmation of Dr. Thornwell's election.

The Moderator called upon the Rev. Messrs. Banks and Gregg, who led the Synod in prayer for the Divine direction.

A motion was then submitted, by the Rev. Mr. Ross, with a view to postpone the further consideration of this matter till the regular meeting of the Synod in November next, which motion was lost.

Upon counting the ballot, the vote stood as follows: 38 to confirm Dr. Thornwell's election, 4 not to confirm the same.

It was

Resolved, That the collection of the endowment for the fourth chair be remitted to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet, as before resolved, in November next, in Camden, S. C.

GEORGE HOWE, *Moderator, pro tem.*

W. BANKS, *Temporary Clerk.*

B. M. PALMER, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion in the Bounds of the Synod of South Carolina.

From our Presbyterial Reports, it appears that two of our Ministers have died during the past Synodical year. The thought is truly sad, that any, capable of discharging the duties of the Gospel Ministry, should be taken from the Church and world so much needing their services. Their removal should certainly remind us of our approaching end, and stimulate us to "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." And especially should it lead the Church to earnest prayer and strenuous effort for an increase of devoted and useful Ministers. And yet, while we lament their loss, and feel solemnly bound to improve the dispensation, we regard it as matter of devout gratitude to God, that while he has removed two lamented Brethren, he has spared near ninety, to continue their labor in his vineyard; our pleasure is heightened by the belief that our Ministers, very generally, are entirely engaged in their appropriate work. It is also cause of gratitude that a goodly number of promising young men have been licensed to preach the Gospel.

The general interests of Religion in connexion with our Synod are advancing, (we think,) as appears from the following considerations:

1st. The number of our Churches is increasing. Each year's Reports tell us of the organization of new Churches, and very rarely indeed do any of our Churches become extinct.

2nd. As our Churches grow in numbers, and in their estimate of Gospel privileges, they desire a larger portion of a Minister's time and labour; and, in consequence, many of our Ministers serve a smaller number of Churches than formerly. This arrangement renders the faithful Pastor more efficient, by enabling him to preach

more frequently to the same people, and to visit more faithfully the families of his charge.

3rd. Our Churches are more generally supplied with the means of Grace than formerly. The Presbyteries of Bethel and Charleston report, that "ALL THEIR PULPITS ARE SUPPLIED;" and the number of vacancies in the remaining two is small.

4th. The most of our Churches report an encouraging attendance on the means of Grace, both by the white and coloured population.

5th. There is a manifest improvement as to the religious instruction of children and youth. Our Reports do not inform us whether family prayer and catechetical instruction of children and servants (at home) is on the increase in the Presbyterian Church: (here they are silent,) but they tell us of a growing attention to Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction. These, we are induced to believe, now exist with more or less efficiency, in most of our Churches; and we think are doing a good work. For, when properly conducted, they greatly aid the pious parent in giving proper religious instruction to his children. Moreover, very many children and youth of irreligious families are there instructed in the precious doctrine and important duties of our holy religion, who otherwise would go into active life, and perhaps into the Eternal world, ignorant of them, and unimpressed by them. We believe religion has been introduced into many a family, and salvation brought to many a house, by these means. Would that they were established, and *well conducted*, in every portion of our land.

6th. There appears to be an increasing interest in the Spiritual condition of our Slave population. In most of our houses of worship, arrangements are made for their accommodation, either in the body of the church, or in comfortable galleries. In many instances, special sermons, suited to their Spiritual wants, are preached to them, occasionally, or statedly; and in some congregations they receive catechetical instruction at home, or at the church, or both. These means promise well for this class of immortal beings, whom the providence of God has placed among us, and for whose eternal welfare we are in a measure accountable. Moreover, it is pleasing to know, that when these special means of Grace are faithfully used, encouraging additions to our Churches, from this portion of our population, are reported to us.

7th. The most of our Churches seem to have enjoyed, in an usual

degree, the presence of the Divine Spirit, during the year past. A goodly number of Churches in the South Carolina Presbytery report "special out-pourings of the Holy Spirit." Some five or six in Bethel Presbytery, by Report, enjoy an *unusual degree* of the Spirit's influence; one from Charleston Presbytery, reports a revival; while the remaining Churches, with few exceptions, report encouraging additions to their communion.

8th. There seems to be a manifest improvement on the part of our people, in their contributions to the Boards of our Church. This is, to us, a subject of pleasure, and devout gratitude. It is a fact well known in our Churches, that this Synod has, for some years, entirely dispensed with the services of Agents, in raising funds for our Boards, (though still employing them for *local* and *special* objects,) and have left the duty of Systematic contributions for Religious purposes to the Pastors and officers of the Church, where we think it properly belongs. From the time in which this method was adopted by us, there has been annually an actual and encouraging increase in the amount given, thus *exemplifying* the power of the Presbyterian system, when carried out; and shewing that the Church, in her organized capacity, is fully competent to do her appropriate work. But, while we record these things with pleasure, we also observe with pain and regret, that some of our Churches give little or nothing to the cause of our blessed Saviour; and of those which give systematically, we fear that few come up to the Scripture standard of giving "according as the Lord hath prospered them."

9th. There has been for some years a gradual increase in the number of our Ministers. This should certainly excite in our bosoms devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church. And, while we, as a Synod, should thank the Lord our God for this *special blessing*, we should not forget that it has come to us, mainly, through the *instrumentality* of our Theological Seminary. Nearly one half of the Ministers of this Synod were once Students of this Institution; and many of its valuable and valued Alumni have gone to be a blessing to Churches in other States. In view of these facts, and also in view of the efforts now making to *complete* the corps of instructors in this Seminary, and to place it in a position of more extended and greater usefulness, we commend it to the affections, the prayers and liberality of our Churches.

10th. There is also an increase in the number of candidates for the

Gospel Ministry. But we must confess that the increase is small, compared with what we might reasonably expect from the number of churches and church members in our communion. And when we seriously consider the number of professing Christians in connexion with this Synod; and the small number of candidates for the Gospel Ministry, we seriously fear that parents are defective in training their sons for God,—deficient in consecrating them,—or deficient in *hallowed, family* influence, as well as in prayer for an increase of efficient devoted Ministers. We would then, affectionately and urgently request our people seriously and conscientiously to ponder these things, and also to “pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send laborers into his harvest.”

Finally, when we consider what God has done for us in times past, we see much for which to be thankful; and much to encourage us in our work. When we reflect on our own demerit and failures in duty, we see much for which to be humble and penitent. And when we reflect on the condition of our fallen race, we see much to excite us to increased exertion on their behalf,—abundant reason why we should be “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.”

CONSTITUTION

Of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; adopted at its Sessions in Columbia, S. C., December, 1844.

The Committee respectfully submit the annexed draft of a Constitution for the consideration of Synod—premising that in their view the Charter of the Seminary need not be changed—that the property is secure under the existing Charter—and that the style and title of the Institution is only an appellative, or a name, and not necessary to designate the body or bodies, to whom its management belongs—but a name that aptly designates the body by whom it originated, and if preserved, will perpetuate the historical remembrance that the two Synods, about to be constituted, were originally one, and are ever after to be regarded as equally and jointly succeeding to the

rights and privileges of the existing Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, in respect to this Institution.

SECTION I.

Name and Design of the Seminary.

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, with a view to the glory of God and the extension of the knowledge of Christ, through an enlightened Ministry, resolved to establish an Institution of Sacred Learning, to be called the "*Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.*" The design of this Institution was ever to be to educate young men for the Gospel Ministry, who shall believe, teach, and defend the doctrines of the Bible, as summarily exhibited in the Confession of Faith, Form of Government, and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

SECTION II.

The Power of the Synods.

ART. I. In pursuance of this design, the Synod founded the Institution, and exercised a control over all its concerns, until the division of that body into the Synod of South Carolina and the Synod of Georgia; and to the concurrent action of these two bodies, according to the general rules hereinafter defined, the entire management of this Seminary is, and shall be committed.

ART. II. These Synods shall elect a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-four Ministers and eighteen Laymen,—each Synod electing one half of the number,—that is to say, each Synod shall, annually, elect four ministers and three laymen, who shall hold their office for three years. And to complete the number needed, the Synods shall each supply their quota in such manner, that the term of service of one-third of the whole number shall expire each and every year. In cases of death, resignation, or otherwise, the Synod, within whose bounds these shall occur, shall annually supply the deficiency.

ART. III. These Synods shall also elect all future Professors, and fix their salaries in the following manner:—That is to say, the Synod of South Carolina shall elect the first Professor, and fix his salary, and the Synod of Georgia the second, and so alternately,—the action of each Synod in the premises to be confirmed by the other Synod.

And in order that no protracted vacancy in the Professorships may occur, the Synod, whose right it is to elect, shall uniformly meet earlier than the other Synod, that the election may be had and confirmed with the least possible delay. But in cases of vacancy during the recess of the Synods, the Board shall have the power of appointing temporary Assistant Instructors.

ART. IV. In the trial or impeachment of a Professor for immorality, error, unfaithfulness, or incompetency, the trial or impeachment may be before either of the Synods; and if the decision of the one body shall be confirmed by the other; there shall be no further appeal.

ART. V. Alterations or amendments in this Constitution may originate in either of the Synods. But they can only be adopted by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of each Synod.

SECTION III.

Mode of Election.

ART. I. In the election of Directors, each Synod shall cause its roll to be called, that the members may nominate: and from this nomination, a list of which shall be placed in a public situation, the election shall be made by ballot, but not on the same day with the nomination, nor without a specific order as to the time of such election. The persons on the list having the largest number of votes, shall be considered duly elected.

ART. II. In the election, or in confirming the election of a Professor, it shall be done by ballot, it having been previously made the order of the day, and a season of special prayer observed for the Divine direction in the choice.

SECTION IV.

Board of Directors.

ART. I. The Board of Directors, at their annual meetings, shall choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; and also two Committees of Investment, (one in each Synod.) They may also, when necessary, elect a President and Secretary pro tempore.—Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, provided four of them be Ministers.

ART. II. The meetings of the Board shall be on their own adjournments, and special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President, or, in his absence, by the Vice-President, whenever so requested by any four Directors,—such call to be valid, requiring a circular letter to be addressed to each member of the Board, at least twenty days before said meeting, and specifying the time, place, and object of the call,—and no other business but that embraced in the circular shall be transacted at such special meetings.

ART. III. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, and carefully preserve on file the papers of the same; he shall also keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be submitted to the Synods for inspection.

ART. IV. The Treasurer shall receive, manage, and (with the advice and consent of the appropriate Committee of Investment,) invest the funds of the Seminary, under the direction of the Board. He shall give, (if required,) bond for their faithful management, in such sum as the Board shall direct, with sufficient sureties, to “the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.” He shall give receipts for all moneys received; pay all moneys appropriated by the Board; and make an annual report of the state of the funds, and of the expenditures of the Seminary, to the Board of Directors. It is further specified, that all the permanent funds raised in the State of Georgia, shall be invested in that State, and shall be considered as belonging to the Synod of that State, after the division of the present Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and after the Synod of Georgia shall have established a Theological Seminary within the State of Georgia. Provided, nevertheless, should the Synod of Georgia withdraw for the purpose above specified, the funds raised in Georgia, then and in that case it shall relinquish all right to, and control over, the remaining funds of the Institution, which shall thenceforward remain under the exclusive management and control of the Synod of South Carolina, and of the Directors elected by that Synod.

ART. V. The Investing Committees shall aid the Treasurer in investing the funds of the Seminary; such investments always to be made in the corporate name of the Institution; and the Investing Committees are further required to make an annual report to the Board, of whatever funds may be entrusted to their management.

ART. VI. The Board of Directors shall inaugurate the Professors, and prescribe the forms and service of the occasion. They shall also direct and instruct them in regard to the subjects of instruction, so far as not prescribed in the Constitution. And they shall inspect their conduct and doctrine; and if any Professor be found immoral in his conduct, unsound in the faith, opposed to the government of the Presbyterian Church, unfaithful in his trust, or incompetent to discharge his duties, they shall report him to one of the Synods, or should his continuance in office be thought highly injurious or dangerous, the Board may immediately suspend him, until his case be tried by the Synods.

ART. VII. The Board of Directors shall watch over the conduct of the Students, redress their grievances, and, when necessary, expel them from the Seminary.

ART. VIII. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee of five, viz: three Clergymen and two Laymen, to attend each regular examination of the Seminary. And in the presence of the Committee and the Faculty, the examination shall be conducted by the several Instructors. The Committee shall report the result of the examination to the Board.

ART. IX. The Board of Directors shall make a full and written report of the state of the Seminary, at each stated meeting of the Synods; and they may, at the same time, recommend the adoption of any measures they may deem necessary for the benefit of the Seminary.

ART. X. The Board shall further make all rules and regulations, appoint agents, and generally do whatever they may deem for the welfare of the Seminary; provided it shall not be repugnant to this Constitution, the orders of the Synods, or the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

ART. XI. The Board shall open and close all their sessions by prayer.

SECTION V.

Professors and Faculty.

ART. I. The number of Professors in this Seminary, when fully organized, shall not be less than five, viz: a Professor of Biblical

Literature, of Christian Theology, of Church History and Polity, of Pastoral Duties, and of Sacred Rhetoric. There may also be a Tutor of the Hebrew language, to be appointed by the Board, and his salary to be fixed by them.

ART. II. Every Professor shall be an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church.

ART. III. Every Professor, when inaugurated, shall publicly subscribe the Confession of Faith, agreeably to the following Formula: "In the presence of God and this Board, I do solemnly subscribe the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as a just summary of the doctrines contained in the Bible, and promise and engage not to teach, directly or indirectly, any doctrine contrary to this belief, while I continue a Professor in the Seminary."

ART. IV. Every Professor shall ordinarily attend a private recitation every day with his own class, and shall publicly deliver a regular course of written Lectures before all the Students during their course of studies in the Seminary,—the text books and plan of instruction to be approved by the Board, and shall precede and follow every public lecture, and precede every private recitation with prayer.

ART. V. The Professors, when desirable, shall, under the direction of the Board, supply the Students with the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of its ordinances.

ART. VI. Any Professor, intending to resign his office, shall give six months notice of his intention to the Board.

ART. VII. The Professors shall constitute a Faculty, who shall meet at least monthly, on a given day,—and at all meetings of the Faculty, the Senior Professor shall preside, but in every other respect the Professors shall be on an equality, and all questions before them shall be decided by a majority of votes.

ART. VIII. The Faculty shall appoint a Clerk, and keep a fair record of their proceedings, which shall be submitted to the inspection of the Board at their annual meeting. They shall also, in accordance with this Constitution, receive and act upon all applications for admission to the Seminary, and for charitable assistance; give certificates to Students applying to Presbyteries or other ecclesiastical bodies for license, and to those leaving the Seminary after completing their regular course of studies. They shall fix the time for social worship morning and evening,—the hours for private recitations,—and the

days for public lectures. They shall decide all questions of order, and cases of discipline; suspend any Student, (until tried by the Board,) who, in their opinion, is unworthy the privileges of the Seminary, or whose connexion with the institution would be injurious to its interests. They shall do generally whatever is deemed necessary for the successful regulation of the internal concerns of the Seminary; and report, in writing, the state of the same to the Board of Directors, at their annual meeting. And they may suggest or recommend subjects for the consideration of the Board.

SECTION VI.

Admission and Duties of Students.

ART. I. Students to be admitted, must furnish the Faculty with satisfactory testimonials of their talents, piety and prudence; of having been regularly educated at some College or University, or made attainments deemed equivalent, and of being in full communion with some Christian Church.

ART. II. Candidates furnishing these testimonials shall be examined by the Faculty, in the learned languages, on experimental religion, and with reference to their object in studying Theology. This examination being satisfactory, they shall be presented with the Constitution of the Seminary, and received on trial for three months; during which time they shall enjoy all the privileges of the Institution, and conform to all its requisitions.

ART. III. At the end of this period, those whom the Faculty deem worthy, shall be admitted to a full standing in the Seminary, by subscribing the following declaration, viz: "Deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of improving in knowledge, prudence and piety, preparatory to the Gospel Ministry, I solemnly promise, in reliance on Divine grace, that I will faithfully and diligently attend to all the instructions of this Seminary, and that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the rules and regulations specified in the Constitution, and also obey all the lawful requisitions, and readily yield to all the wholesome admonitions of the Professors and Directors of the Seminary, while I shall continue a member of it." Should any Student continue, for the space of one month, to refuse to subscribe the above declaration, after being regularly called upon by the

Faculty to do so, he shall no longer enjoy the privileges of the Institution.

ART. IV. The Students thus admitted to the Seminary, shall continue members of it three years, and be divided into three classes, to be called Senior, Middle and Junior. The Junior, shall embrace those of the first year; the Middle, those of the second; and the Senior, those of the third.

ART. V. The Students of the several classes shall reside at the Seminary, during the whole of each term, and be under the particular charge of their respective Professors. Nor shall any Student leave town, or be absent from any regular exercise of the Seminary, without permission. And for each offence, he shall render a satisfactory excuse to the Professor of his class, or in case of his absence, to the senior Professor present.

ART. VI. The Students shall sustain good moral and religious characters; manifest a due regard for the Directors, Professors, and each other; pursue the course of studies approved by the Board; observe the regulations of the Faculty respecting the hours of study, private recitations, public lectures, and social devotions; and obey the requisitions of their several instructors.

ART. VII. The Students of the Junior and Middle Classes shall write compositions on such subjects, and at such times, as their Professors may direct; and shall submit the same to them for criticism. The Students of the Senior Class shall write, during the year, at least three Sermons, which shall be submitted to the Professor, to whom the Board shall assign the duty, for private criticism and approval; and they shall alter and transcribe them, until approved by his signature. And the Students of all the Classes shall, if practicable, deliver a piece of their own composition before the Students and Professors, at least once in each month.

ART. VIII. Any Student who neglects his regular studies, is guilty of any indiscretion, exhibits an indifference to practical religion, or otherwise violates this Constitution, shall be faithfully admonished in private, or before his class, as the Professor may deem expedient; if the Student perseveres in the same course, he shall be publicly admonished or suspended from the Seminary, and reported to the Board by the Faculty; and if he still refuses to acknowledge, and make satisfaction for his offence, he shall be immediately cut off from the Institution by the Board.

ART. IX. Every Student, having completed a regular course of three years studies, in this Seminary, settled all his term bills with the Treasurer, and returned and replaced all the books taken from the Library, shall receive a certificate from the Faculty, specifying the time he has been connected with the Seminary, the diligence he has manifested in his studies, and the moral and religious character he has sustained.

SECTION VII.

Course of Studies.

ART. I. The course of studies pursued in this Seminary shall embrace a period of three years; it shall cover, in general, the ground of Biblical Literature, Christian Theology, Church History and Polity, Pastoral Duties, and Sacred Rhetoric; and none, who do not complete this course, shall be entitled to a regular certificate of the Faculty.

ART. II. The studies of the Junior year, shall be confined principally to the Department of Biblical Literature. Those of the Middle, to Christian Theology and Church History; and those of the Senior, to Christian Theology, Church History and Polity, Pastoral Duties and Sacred Rhetoric. The more particular division of the course to be made by the Faculty, under the direction of the Board.

ART. III. This course of studies shall be varied or extended, as the improvements of the age may require; provided it never deviates from the Word of God, and the Standards of the Presbyterian Church.

SECTION VIII.

License, Ordination, and Preaching.

ART. I. No application for license or ordination shall be made by a Student of the Seminary, without first procuring from the Faculty a certificate, stating the time he has been connected with the Institution, the character he has sustained, and that he makes the application with their consent.

ART. II. Members of the Seminary, who have been regularly licensed, may occasionally preach in the Institution, if the Faculty desire it,—their sermons having been previously examined and approved

by one of the Professors. And they shall not preach out of the Seminary, under any circumstances, but with the permission of the Faculty.

SECTION IX.

Resident Licentiates.

ART. I. Licentiates or Students, who have honorably completed a course of Theological studies, may reside at this Institution, and enjoy the privilege of the Library, and also the public lectures and private recitations of the Professors.

ART. II. Persons thus residing at the Seminary, shall be under the inspection of the Faculty, and be required to attend the devotional exercises of the Institution.

SECTION X.

Devotion and Personal Piety.

ART. I. Sacred devotion and ardent piety, shall ever be considered by all connected with this Seminary; an object of the first moment. And every Professor, resident Licentiate and Student, shall feel himself bound by the most solemn obligations, to employ all the means in his power, private and social, to promote it. Nor shall either be satisfied without high attainments in personal piety.

ART. II. To secure this object, all connected with the Institution shall enjoy the privilege of spending a portion of each day in reading the Scriptures, private meditation, and secret prayer. Every Sabbath shall be sacredly devoted to religious services, private and social. And other periods may be appropriated to social prayer and praise, for the mutual and spiritual benefit of those so engaged.

ART. III. Religious service shall be performed in the chapel every morning and evening, during each term, as the Faculty may direct, and in the following order, viz: The service shall commence with a short prayer, imploring the aid and blessing of Heaven; a portion of Scripture shall then be read, and accompanied with such remarks or written exposition as the presiding officer may think proper; after which, a psalm or hymn shall be sung, and the whole concluded with an appropriate prayer. These services shall be under the direction of one of the Professors; though a Senior Student may officiate.

ART. IV. There shall be, at least, one weekly Conference appoint-

ed by the Faculty, with a design to promote the personal piety of the Students, and qualify them for the practical duties of the Ministry. And if deemed expedient, the Faculty may occasionally set apart a day for fasting, humiliation, and prayer, which shall be strictly observed by all members of the Institution.

ART. V. Every member of the Seminary shall, regularly, conscientiously, and devoutly, attend all these religious services, and such others as the Faculty may appoint.

SECTION XI.

Examinations and Anniversary.

ART. I. There shall be at the close of every term, an examination in each year, at such time as the Board may direct.

ART. II. At the close of each year, there shall be a public anniversary, the exercises of which, embracing the whole course of instruction, shall be limited to the Senior Class. The performances on the occasion shall all be written, and previously examined and approved by the Professors.

ART. III. No member of the Seminary shall be absent from the examination of his respective class; if so, he shall be examined by the Faculty, at the commencement of the next term: And if his examination be not satisfactory, he shall be required to make up the deficiency, otherwise he may not proceed with the class.

ART. IV. The Examinations shall be conducted by the several Instructors, under the inspection of the Examining Committee of the Board: and the exercises of the Anniversary shall be arranged by the Faculty.

SECTION XII.

Vacations.

ART. I. There shall be one or more vacations in each year, at such times and of such lengths as the Board may direct.

ART. II. During each vacation, the Students shall be responsible to the Faculty of the Seminary for their conduct; and for any unworthy course that may injure the Institution, they shall be admonished, or may be suspended, as the case requires.

ART. III. At the close of every vacation, the Students shall imme-

diately return to the Seminary; and no excuse for absence, after the term commences, shall be deemed satisfactory, except unavoidable necessity.

SECTION XIII.

Library.

ART. I. The Library shall be deposited in a suitable room provided for the purpose, and committed to the care of a Librarian appointed by the Board.

ART. II. The Librarian shall give bond, when required by the Board, for the faithful management of the Library, in such sum, and with such sureties, as the Board may direct; and he shall, if necessary, be allowed a suitable sum for his services. He may also appoint a substitute, who shall, during the absence of the Librarian, discharge his duties.

ART. III. The books of the Library shall be regularly numbered and arranged by a Committee of the Board and the Librarian, who shall also furnish an alphabetical catalogue for the use of the Library. And a fair record of all the books given, and of the names of the donors, shall be kept by the Librarian, for the inspection of all men.

ART. IV. Any book or books which the above Committee may deem too valuable to be loaned from the Library, shall be marked and kept there for occasional reference; and they shall never be loaned by the Librarian, without a special order from the Board.

ART. V. The Directors, Professors, and Instructors, resident Licentiates, Students of the Seminary, and others, to whom the Board, by a special order, shall grant the privilege, may take books from the Library.

ART. VI. No person shall ever borrow or return a book without the knowledge of the Librarian, or his substitute,—who shall examine the state of the book, and keep a record of its title, also of the time and person. This record shall be signed by the person borrowing or returning the book; unless he be a Director, Professor, or Instructor, who may obtain books by a written order. They may also have access to the Library, on all occasions, whether to return or receive books, or to consult them in the Library.

ART. VII. The Library shall be open for loaning and returning books during term time, one hour a day four days in a week. And

no books shall be loaned or returned, at any other time, except as specified in the preceding article, or by the special order of a Professor. And no Student or resident Licentiate, shall ever have more than three books, at the same time, in addition to the classics received upon the written order of an Instructor; nor shall he retain any book from the Library more than four weeks; nor further, shall he ever carry any such book out of town.

ART. VIII. Any person injuring or defacing a book taken from the Library, shall make due satisfaction to the Librarian; any person detaining a book beyond the specified time, shall have no other till that be returned; any person losing or destroying a book, shall replace it, or pay its full value,—and if belonging to a set, he shall take the remaining volumes and furnish a new set, or pay for the whole.

ART. IX. The Library shall be aired every week, and oftener, if necessary; swept and dusted every month; and at the close of each term before the examination, the books shall be removed from the shelves and each shelf brushed; and at the end of every year all the books shall be returned to the Library, and the whole prepared for the inspection of the Board,—to whom the Librarian shall make a full and written report of the state of the Library at each annual meeting.

SECTION XIV.

Funds and Charitable Assistance.

ART. I. The funds of this Seminary shall ever be kept distinct, and entirely separate from all others; and they shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, to be managed as required by this Constitution.

ART. II. All funds invested for the benefit of the Institution, shall be invested in the name of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, or as they may otherwise direct. And no part of the funds, or their income, shall ever be appropriated, except by an order of the Board, subject at all times to the direction and control of the Synods. And the moneys thus appropriated by the Board shall be paid by the Treasurer, only at the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary.

ART. III. A sacred regard shall ever be paid to the wishes and directions of all Testators or Donors, who may bequeath or give any-

thing to the funds of the Institution. Any individual or individuals, who shall, by will, or otherwise, found or endow a Professorship, with \$25,000, or a Scholarship, with \$2,000 or more dollars, or a fund of any considerable amount, may designate the name by which it shall ever be called. And any Church Session, Presbytery, Synod, or other Association, which shall found or endow a Professorship, Scholarship, or Fund, may also fix the name by which it shall ever after be known.

ART. IV. The regular and incidental expenses of the Institution being defrayed from the general funds, or their income, all the remaining moneys of these funds may be, and all funds, or their incomes, specially designated for charitable assistance, shall be sacredly appropriated to the use of worthy Students in need of pecuniary aid.

ART. V. To entitle any Student to this aid from the funds of the Seminary, he shall furnish the Board with a certificate from the Faculty, that he possesses the requisite qualifications, viz: has been admitted to a full standing in the Seminary, according to the Constitution, and is in need of charitable assistance.

ART VI. If any Student, to whom this assistance has been extended, shall be found not to make due proficiency in his studies, or otherwise to be unworthy, he shall no longer receive it. And if any shall leave the Seminary, or be expelled without finishing the regular course prescribed by the Constitution, he shall be held responsible to the Treasurer for the full amount of all the moneys received, unless released by a special vote of the Board.

ART. VII. A regular account of all the funds and expenditures of the Institution, and also of the number and names of the Students receiving charitable assistance, shall annually be laid before the Board by the Treasurer.

ART. VIII. To ensure full meetings of the Board, a sum may be annually appropriated to defray the actual travelling expenses of the members, not to exceed ten cents a mile. But no travelling expenses shall in any case be allowed when the members of the Board are at the same time in attendance upon the meetings of their respective Synods.

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MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held at Columbia, South Carolina, June 27—29, 1854.

LIBRARY ROOM, THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, }
 Tuesday, June 27, 1854, 8 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, met, according to adjournment, in the Library of the Seminary, at 8 o'clock, P. M., the President, Dr. Thornwell, being in the Chair. Opened with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Leland.

Upon calling the roll, the following members were found to be present:

Ministers.

J. H. Thornwell, D. D., *Pres't.*
 S. Donnelly,

Laymen.

J. N. Whitner,
 E. R. Calhoun,

Ministers.

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 J. B. Adger, D. D.
 John Douglas,
 M. D. Fraser,
 E. Cater.

Laymen.

T. C. Perrin,
 W. Shear,
 J. Knox,
 J. A. Crawford.

Letters, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting, were received from Hon. G. E. Thomas, and from Rev. Dr. Smyth.

Messrs. E. P. Palmer, W. Flinn, and J. A. Wallace, from Presbyterian Committees of Examination, were invited to sit in counsel with the Board.

The Chair announced the following Committees:

Audits.—S. Donnelly, M. D. Fraser, and W. Shear.

Ways and Means.—J. B. Adger, T. C. Perrin, J. Douglas, and J. A. Crawford.

Library.—J. F. Lanneau, E. Cater, and J. Knox.

Buildings.—M. D. Fraser, S. Donnelly, and W. Shear.

Laws and Regulations.—E. Cater, J. N. Whitner, and E. R. Calhoun.

The Treasurer's Report, and the Reports of the Investing Committees for the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and the accounts of the Librarian and of the Building Committee, were severally submitted and referred to the Committee of Audits. The Report of the Faculty was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations: also, the Report of the Librarian, which was referred to the Committee on the Library; and the Report of the Standing Building Committee, which was referred to the Committee on Buildings.

A letter was read from the Rev. B. M. Smith addressed to the Board, declining the Chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, to which he had been appointed by the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, at their last meetings.

It being brought to the notice of the Board that the charter of the Seminary, obtained from the Legislature in 1832, expired last year; it was resolved that Mr. Perrin be requested to draft a suitable memorial to the Legislature, praying for the renewal of said charter, to be signed by the officers of the Board.

The Board then adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. F. Lanneau, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, June 28, 1854, }
 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Board met in the recitation room of Dr. Howe, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Douglas. Present as before, with the addition of Rev. S. H. Hay. The record of last evening's Session was read and approved.

The Committee of Audits reported on the papers submitted to them, finding them to be all correct. Whereupon, they were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations presented the following Report:

The Committee on Laws and Regulations, to whom the Annual Report of the Professors in the Seminary, and the Communication of Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Charleston, were referred, respectfully report, that they have given to the subjects embraced in these papers such attention as their time would admit, and the relative importance of the several subjects seem to demand, and they would recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board has heard of the increased prosperity of our beloved Institution, of the laborious and eminently successful fidelity in those who have occupied the chairs of instruction, the industrious attention of the majority of the students to the regular duties of the Seminary, and of their zealous efforts by Sabbath schools, Prayer meetings and Missionary labours, to promote the cause of religion among the destitute in the town and vicinity of Columbia, with much pleasure and devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Professors be accepted and embodied in the usual form, in the Report of the Board to the Synods.

3. *Resolved*, That the special thanks of the Board, and of the Synods, are due to Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., for his valuable services in the Chair of Church History and Polity; and that the Treasurer of the Seminary be directed to pay to Dr. Palmer the sum of two thousand dollars, the regular salary of a Professor in the Seminary, as a testimony of our appreciation of those labours.

4. *Resolved*, That having heard with regret of the irregularity of some of the students, the Board would urge most affectionately upon

our young brethren the importance of a laborious and faithful employment of all the facilities here furnished them to prepare for the successful discharge of all the high and sacred functions of the Christian Ministry; and that the brethren be tenderly exhorted not to interrupt their course by absence from the usual exercises of the Seminary, unless for solemn and weighty considerations: and that the Faculty be charged to bring this Resolution before the students at the commencement of the next term; and the Executive Committee be charged to bring the subject directly before the Presbyteries.

5. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the practicability of making a cheaper and more satisfactory arrangement for the boarding of the students.

6. *Resolved*, That Committees be appointed to attend the meetings of the Synods of Alabama, Mississippi, and Memphis; and otherwise to correspond with other Ecclesiastical bodies in the South-west, in regard to the Seminary and its claims upon the patronage of those portions of the Churches in those regions.

In relation to the matter of the vacant Professorship, and to the endowment of the Fourth, and the nomination of the Brethren named in the Report of the Professors, the Committee would simply express their high appreciation of the talents and abilities of the brethren to fill, with usefulness and profit to the Church and community, any position to which they may be called. Yet, as it is a matter of the greatest importance to the Brethren and the Church, the Committee would ask permission to refer back the proposition, in its original shape, to the Board.

The first four of the above Resolutions were adopted in the form presented above; the whole subject embraced in the fifth Resolution was referred to the Executive Committee; and to carry out the sixth, Messrs. J. B. Adger and B. M. Palmer were appointed to attend the next meeting of the Synod of Mississippi; and Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick as principal, and Rev. E. Cater as alternate, were appointed to attend the next meeting of the Synod of Memphis. In accordance with the last suggestion of the above Report, the Board entered upon the discussion of the propriety of making the recommendations proposed by the Professors; and continued the same till one o'clock, when recess was taken till 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The Board met in the study of Dr. B. M. Palmer and prosecuted the discussion of the morning till 7 o'clock, P. M.; when, upon motion, the Board united in special prayer for the Divine guidance and blessing in the important matter before them. It was resolved to meet in the Library of the Seminary at half past eight o'clock, with a view to discuss the question of raising the endowment necessary for enlarging the corps of Instructors as proposed, and that the Professors be invited to meet with the Board. Adjourned till 8½ o'clock, P. M.

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The Board met, and spent the evening in discussing the best mode and time of securing the endowment of a fourth Chair, as contemplated in the enlarged plan before them; but came to no conclusion. Adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, June 29, 1854. }
9 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board met according to adjournment in Dr. Howe's recitation room, and was opened with prayer by the President. Preamble and Resolutions were offered, in relation to the recommendation of the Professors to increase the number of the Faculty: which, with certain proposed amendments, were referred to a Committee to modify them and put them into shape suited to be acted upon. To allow time for their deliberation, the Board recessed from business till half past 11 o'clock.

At 11½ o'clock, the Board resumed its sitting; when the following Resolutions were submitted by the Committee appointed for the purpose:

Whereas, since our last meeting, in the opinion of this Board, and in accordance with the sentiments expressed in the Report of the Professors, an important crisis has arrived in the history of our Seminary, rendering it necessary for some new measures to be adopted to secure not only its present, but its prospective welfare, and its increased reputation and usefulness; and *whereas*, the Board have hopes that a well proved devotion to the best interests of the Church, and a due regard to the necessities of his own health, will make it possi-

ble for the Synods to command, in our present emergency, the services of one of the two Brethren named by the Faculty; and *whereas*, they are both well known to be highly acceptable to both Synods; and *whereas*, the Constitution makes it our duty to bring before the Synods whatever recommendations may, in our view, subserve the interests of the Seminary; and inasmuch as on several previous occasions the Board of Directors have nominated Professors to the Synods, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors do concur with the Professors as to the desirableness of enlarging the Faculty of the Seminary, by the election of the two Brethren named in their Report:

2. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Constitution of the Seminary contemplates the filling of five Professorships in the Institution, when fully organized, it is hereby recommended that if these measures suggested be approved and adopted by the two Synods, that the two departments of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, hitherto taught by Drs. Howe and Leland conjointly, be united together as one, and be assigned to Dr. Leland, he having consented to this arrangement, and his Professorship be known as that of "Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric."

3. *Resolved*, That in suggesting the changes above indicated, the Board cannot forego the gratification it affords them to testify to the fidelity of Dr. Leland to the high trust confided to him, and to the cheerfulness, ability and acceptance with which he has discharged the duties, onerous as they have been, not only of his own chair proper, but also in part of other chairs in the Institution which, from time to time, have been vacant. They feel however, and are satisfied that the Synods will feel, that it is due to Dr. Leland, in view of his age and the infirmities of health incident to it, that he be relieved, as now proposed, of a burden which nothing but the necessities of the Institution could have justified us in permitting so long to rest upon him.

4. *Resolved*, That this Board would now recommend to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, the election of Rev. Dr. Thornwell to the chair of Christian Theology; and of Rev. Dr. Palmér to the chair of Church History and Polity.

5. *Resolved*, That should these measures meet with the approbation of, and be adopted by, the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, it be further recommended that immediate steps be taken to

raise the sum of forty-five thousand dollars for the complete endowment of the Seminary in the enlargement of its organization as herein contemplated.

Pending the discussion of the above Resolutions the Board took recess till 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The Board re-assembled in Dr. Palmer's study, and resumed the unfinished business of the morning, when the vote was taken upon the Resolutions separately, and then upon the Preamble,—after which the paper was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Ways and Means presented their Report on the Finances of the Seminary; which was adopted, and ordered to be embodied in the Annual Report of the Board to the Synods.

The Committee on Buildings presented their Report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee appointed to superintend the erection of Simons' Hall, and also the Report of the Standing Building Committee, would report:

1. That they have looked through and examined the new building which has just been completed, and are highly gratified with the taste, comfort and admirable internal arrangement of this beautiful edifice, and would congratulate the Board and the friends of the Seminary in having such a valuable addition made to their buildings. Your Committee, however, observe that this building leaks, that in some of the rooms the plaistering is badly cracked, and that the whole house requires another coat of paint; and would therefore recommend that the Standing Building Committee be instructed to see that the contractor, Mr. Beck, complete the building according to contract.

2. That the Standing Building Committee be also instructed to have the fencing around the premises either repaired, or built entirely new, as they may deem best,—to have the plaistering repaired in the old central building, where it is broken,—and to have the well more securely fixed.

The Committee on the Library presented the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the Librarian's Report, beg

leave to state that they have examined the same and recommend its approval. They are gratified to find that some valuable additions to the Library have been made during the past year, by donations from several friends of the Institution; and the Committee would cherish the hope that similar contributions will continue to be made by others. In regard to the purchase of Rev. Dr. Smyth's Library, which he has offered to sell to the Seminary for fifteen thousand dollars, the Committee are not prepared to suggest any definite action further than to recommend the appointment of a Committee to correspond further with Dr. Smyth on the subject, and to make a report to the Synods respecting the whole matter.

Rev. Drs. Howe and Palmer were appointed the Committee suggested in the above Report.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board are due to the Treasurer, and to the Investing Committees, for their laborious and faithful services.

Rev. S. K. Talmage, D. D., was appointed to deliver the next Annual Discourse, and the Rev. J. S. K. Petrie was chosen as his alternate.

Rev. Dr. Palmer was requested to continue his labours as Provisional Professor, till the meeting of the Synods.

An election was held for officers of the Board for the ensuing year, resulting as follows:

J. H. THORNWELL, D. D., President.

Rev. SAMUEL DONNELLY, Vice President.

B. M. PALMER, D. D., Secretary.

ANDREW CRAWFORD, Esq., Treasurer.

Executive Committee.—B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford, Charles Beck, Prof. R. T. Brumby, and Col. C. R. Bryce.

Investing Committees, as heretofore, viz: Messrs. J. McDowell and R. A. Reid, for the State of Georgia; and Messrs. J. A. Crawford and Andrew Crawford, for the State of South Carolina.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Dr. Adger, to meet in the Library of the Theological Seminary on the last Tuesday in June, 1855, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

J. H. THORNWELL, *President*.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, June 29, 1854.

I. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS PER TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Balance in Treasury from last year,.....	\$887	85
Interest and Dividends on old investments in S. Carolina,	2328	00
“ “ “ in Georgia,...	2173	35
“ “ on investments of New Fund,....	3110	09
Dr. Fair's Note collected,.....	3000	00
First Instalment of Mrs. Law's donation,.....	1000	00
Collections made on New Funds,.....	253	00
Telfair Timothy Scholarship,.....	\$2500	00
Interest accumulated on same,.....	1885	50
Amount due Treasurer,.....	36	53
Total receipts,.....	\$17174	32

Disbursed as follows :

Dr. Leland's salary to July 1, 1854,.....	\$2000	50
Dr. Howe's salary to July 1, 1854,.....	2000	00
Mr. Lannéau's salary in full,.....	600	00
Dr. McGill's salary in full,.....	300	00
Palmer & Hodges' bill for gas-pipes, &c.....	183	75
Gas Company for service-pipe,.....	41	58
Insurance on Buildings and Library,.....	184	45
Bill for printing, and postage,.....	47	85
J. Graves, Architect,.....	50	00
Charles Beck, for building Simons' Hall,.....	6900	00
Nephew Scholarship to Education Account,...	175	00
46 Shares Farmer's Exchange Bank, Charleston,	1160	00
52 “ Exchange Bank, Columbia,.....	1327	06
55 “ People's Bank, Charleston,.....	1375	00
33 “ Farmers' & Planters' Bank, Baltimore,	829	13
Total Disbursements,.....	\$17174	32

II. INVESTMENT OF NEW FUND.

228 Shares Camden Bank Stock,	\$11575	54
297 " Commercial Bank Stock,	8613	00
32 " Charleston Bank Stock,	1600	00
Capt. Blair's Legacy, $\frac{1}{3}$ of 100 Shares of Planters' and Merchants' Bank, Baltimore,	833	33
3 Bonds of Greenville Rail Road Company,	1470	00
4 Bonds of Charlotte Rail Road Company,	2000	00
Bonds and Notes,	8000	00
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Total,	\$34091	87
Amount of Investments this year,	\$34091	87
" " last year,	35020	69
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Decrease of Investments this year,	\$928	82

Outstanding Subscriptions and Notes :

In Georgia, last year,	\$2741	84
Collected this year,	200	90
In South Carolina, last year,	5120	95
Collected, this year,	53	00
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Total outstanding in both States,	\$7609	79

III. PERMANENT FUNDS EXCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS.

Investments of New Fund, as above,	\$34091	87
" Old Fund, in Georgia,	28500	00
" " " in So. Carolina,* ..	25500	00
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		\$88091 87

* The Old Fund in South Carolina is less than reported last year (\$27339 18) by \$1839 18. This is occasioned by the payment of a note to that amount belonging to this Fund, and which became merged in the general Treasury. It should be immediately replaced: which the Synods may easily do by transferring from the New Fund; which was ordered to be reduced by the subduction of the whole Simons Legacy, (\$5000 00,) and which has only been reduced \$928, in the erection of this new building.

IV. SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Lanneau Scholarship,.....	\$2200 00	
2. Congregational and Presbyterian Scholarship,	2250 00	
3. Nephew Scholarship, in Georgia,	2500 00	
4. Fabian.....“.....“.....	2500 00	
5. Telfair Timothy Scholarship, principal and interest,.....	4385 50	
6. Capt. Blair's Legacy, $\frac{2}{3}$ of 100 Shares of Plant- ers' and Merchants' Bank, Baltimore,..	1666 67	
	<hr/>	15502 17
Total of vested Funds,.....	\$103594 04	

V. CLAIMS UPON THE TREASURY.

Salaries of 3 Professors,.....	\$6000 00	
Salary of Tutor,.....	600 00	
Insurance, contingencies, &c.....	350 00	
Balance due Library and Building Committees,	74 41	
Balance due Treasurer,.....	36 53	
Refunding Mrs. Law's first instalment,.....	1000 00	
Due Dr. Palmer for services, he having remitted half the usual salary,.....	1000 00	
	<hr/>	\$9060 94

Resources to meet the above.

Half yearly Dividends to fall due July 1st, say	\$3000 00	
Interest on Georgia Investment, say.....	1995 00	
Interest on South Carolina Investment, say....	1785 00	
Interest on the New Fund, say.....	2387 68	
	<hr/>	\$9167 68
Surplus,.....	\$ 105 74	

VI. THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian reports an addition of 33 volumes during the past year; which, added to the number of volumes reported before, should

make the Library now comprise 5382 volumes. With the addition, however, just spoken of, the Librarian reports the number of volumes as only 5310. The discrepancy between the two reports is explained by the fact, that in a former year a number of volumes was deposited in the Library; which being regarded as a donation, were enumerated in the Catalogue, but which have since been withdrawn.

Great desire has been expressed by many friends of the Seminary to secure for it the valuable Library of Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Charleston. This Library will consist of about 10,000 volumes, after a reservation has been made of some 1500 volumes, and is offered to the Seminary by Dr. Smyth, at \$15,000, averaging \$1 50 per volume. The Board feel that this purchase would be a great acquisition to the Institution, inasmuch as it would make our collection of English Theology very complete, and give us one of the largest and most valuable libraries possessed by any Seminary in this country. The Library of Andover Theological Seminary contains 22,000 volumes; that of Union Seminary, New York, 19,000; that of Princeton, about 10,000; and that of Bangor Seminary, 8,000 volumes. Even with this large addition, there would still be a want in the department of Foreign Theology, and works of learned research would be lacking. But with such a basis, these might be gradually supplied.

Yet, desirable as this purchase is, the Board do not feel at liberty to make so large an outlay without the sanction of the Synods. The only definite action taken by them was to appoint a Committee, consisting of Drs. Howe and Palmer, to confer further with Dr. Smyth upon the whole matter, making their report to Synod; and in the scheme which they have suggested for the enlargement of the Faculty, to be spoken of directly, they have proposed the raising of the sum of \$45,000, to cover this purchase, as well as to secure the Endowment of a fourth Professorship.

VII. THE BUILDINGS.

Since the last report, the large three story building, called "Simons' Hall," has been completed, containing accommodations for 24 Students, giving a separate room, large, airy and conveniently arranged, to each. By the generosity of friends in the city of Charleston, it has been furnished throughout with such articles as students need. The cost of this building exceeds by a little \$7,000, including the

sum paid to the contractor, and the expenses of gas-pipes and other fixtures. The withdrawal of the Simons' legacy from the New Fund, into which it was temporarily merged, and the application of it to the erection of this building, while it nearly extinguishes this debt, reduces, by so much, the New Fund, as before reported. By reference to the Fiscal statements given above, it will be seen that \$1,000, the first instalment of Mrs. Law's donation towards the erection of another similar building, have, for the time being, been appropriated to the payment for this, and must ere long be refunded.

There is present accommodation for at least 40 students; and when the second wing contemplated by the Board, and secured by Mrs. Law's promise of \$5000, shall be erected, there will be ample accommodation, and of the most superior kind, for sixty students.

VIII. PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The number of Students in attendance upon the different classes the past year, was forty, as follows:

RESIDENT LICENTIATE.

J. C. Phelps, Graduate of Theological Institute, Covington, Ky.

SENIOR CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Candidate of</i>
Joseph Bardwell,	Nassau Hall,	
Marcus M. Carleton,	Amherst College,	
Matthew Green,	Royal Inst., Belfast,	Charleston Presbytery.
Douglas Harrison,	So. Carolina College,	Bethel “
T. R. Markham,	Oakland College,	
C. B. H. Martin,	Hanover “	
Martin McQueen,	Davidson “	Fayetteville “
D. D. McBride,	“ “	“ “
Thomas B. Neil,	So. Carolina “	Charleston “
Samuel Orr,	Oglethorpe “	Cherokee “
Henry M. Smith,	Jefferson “	Charleston “

MIDDLE CLASS.

James A. Cousar,	Oglethorpe College,	Harmony Presbytery.
James A. Davies,	Davidson “	Bethel “
N. W. Edmunds,	So. Carolina “	Charleston “

B. S. Krider,	Davidson College,	
R. Q. Mallard,	Franklin	Georgia Presbytery.
R. S. McAlister,		Chickasaw
W. J. McKnight,	Hanover	"
Robt. McLees,		So. Carolina
David H. Porter,	So. Carolina	Charleston
C. J. Silliman,	Oglethorpe	Tuskaloosa
L. A. Simonton,	"	Flint River
Robert R. Small,	"	Charleston
Arthur Small,	"	"
Charlton H. Wilson,	"	Harmony

JUNIOR CLASS.

Robt. M. Brearley,	S. Carolina College,	Harmony Presbytery.
Thos. J. Davidson,	Oglethorpe	"
A. H. Epstein,	Polytech. Inst. Vienna,	Philadelphia
William Hall,	Oglethorpe College,	
J. S. Harris,	Davidson	Concord
Elmore Kinder,	Oglethorpe	Harmony
A. L. Kline,		Charleston
James McDowell,	So. Carolina	Harmony
James McQueen,	Davidson	Fayetteville
R. L. Neely,	Hanover	"
J. D. Parks, M. D.	Davidson	Concord
M. D. Wood,	Oglethorpe	Charleston
W. A. Wood,	Davidson	"
Warren D. Wilkes,	Erskine	So. Carolina

The report speaks in most favourable terms of the diligence and attention of the students down to the time of the Spring meetings of the Presbyteries, after which there was considerable irregularity; owing, in part, to sickness, which was prevalent during the Spring months, yet wholly inexcusable in some cases. Touching this matter, the Board passed an admonitory resolution, which they have instructed the Faculty to read before the Students at the opening of the Session; and also directed the Executive Committee to bring this subject directly before the Presbyteries. With this single exception, the deportment of the students has been without blame, and their intercourse with each other such as becomes those who are brethren

in Christ. There has been an unusual zeal in pious labors for the benefit of the town and its vicinity. Prayer meetings have been sustained by them every week in different wards of the town; and a mission established among the poor and degraded population around Columbia; for which they succeeded in collecting the sum of seven hundred dollars, and to which one of the Senior Class has devoted himself as a missionary for one year.

The usual exercises have been carried on in the several departments of study. As Mr. Smith failed to accept the Chair of Church History and Government to which he had been elected, Dr. Palmer continued his instructions provisionally, throughout the year, with great labour to himself, being in addition to the duties of a very responsible Pastoral charge.

The report of the Faculty presents a table showing the fluctuations and gradual increase in attendance at the Seminary, since the year 1831, from which it appears that the average attendance from 1831 to 1838 was 17; from 1839 to 1846, it was 19; and from 1847 to 1854, it has been 27. It is shown further that the classes in the Seminary have been largest in those years succeeding revivals of religion in Schools and Colleges, and during those years in which the three chairs of the Institution have been filled. The present period is spoken of as being an epoch in the history of the Seminary; arising partly from the fact, that the older Seminaries are making great progress in many important respects,—their libraries increasing, their accommodations improving, their chairs securing able incumbents, their corps of instructors enlarging, and their Professors gaining influence at home and abroad; and partly also, from the creation of new Institutions which must compete with us for the patronage of the Southern and South-western regions. In view of all these things, and of the pressure of the present emergency, the Professors urge, in their report, the importance of enlarging the Faculty, and consent to submit to any necessary changes in their own departments; and they still further suggest to the Board the propriety of making a distinct nomination to the Synods, in accordance with the precedents of former years. They further bring to the notice of the Board, the disadvantage, under which the Seminary labors from the cost of boarding, and suggest the expediency of re-establishing the club, which has been discontinued for one or two years. The action taken by the Board upon these various suggestions will be given in another place;

and the report itself, lengthy and able, clearly stating the necessities of the Institution, is, for the fuller information of the Synod, herewith transmitted.

IX. GENERAL REMARKS.

Under this head, we bring before the Synods, in a connected form, the doings of the Board upon several subjects.

1. Rev. B. M. Smith, elected by the Synods at their last meeting, to the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Polity, in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Board, March 18, 1854, declined accepting the same. The election therefore of some person to fill this vacant Professorship will occupy the attention, particularly, of the Synod of South Carolina, as it did last year.

2. The Board, after much deliberation over the propositions suggested in the Report of the Professors, resolved finally to bring before the Synods the propriety of enlarging the Faculty, and to make a nomination of persons to fill the respective chairs. Although this was done with some measure of reluctance, as it wears the appearance of dictation, and more especially as the nomination is made of those who are of their own number, yet they feel justified in so doing by several considerations:—by the precedents of former years, in the nomination of Dr. Goulding, of Dr. Waddell, of Dr. Howe, and of Dr. McDowell, at different times, to the different chairs; by the general powers granted to the Board in Sect. IV, Articles 9 and 10, of the Constitution; and especially by the necessity of taking the initiative, if any changes are to be made, before the students should disperse, inasmuch as the Seminaries all begin their sessions two or three months before the meetings of the two Synods, and unless the Board assume this much power, no intimation could be given to the public of any movements for the benefit of this institution.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were therefore adopted, and are now submitted to the Synods for their action:

Whereas, since our last meeting, in the opinion of this Board, and in accordance with the sentiments expressed in the report of the Professors, an important crisis has arrived in the history of our Seminary, rendering it necessary for some new measures to be adopted to secure not only its present, but its prospective welfare, and its increased reputation and usefulness; and whereas, the Board have hopes

that a well-proved devotion to the best interests of the church, and a due regard to the necessities of his own health, will make it possible for the Synods to command, in our present emergency, the services of one of the two Brethren named by the Faculty; and,

Whereas, they are both well known to be highly acceptable to both Synods; and,

Whereas, the Constitution makes it our duty to bring before the Synod whatever recommendations may in our view subserve the interest of the Seminary; and inasmuch as on several previous occasions the Board of Directors have nominated Professors to the Synods, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the Board of Directors do concur with the Professors as to the desirableness of enlarging the Faculty of the Seminary, by the election of the two Brethren named in the Report.

Resolved, 2d. That inasmuch as the Constitution of the Seminary contemplates the filling of five Professorships in the Institution when fully organized, it is hereby recommended, that if these measures suggested be approved and adopted by the two Synods, that the two departments of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, hitherto taught by Drs. Howe and Leland, conjointly, be united together as one, and assigned to Dr. Leland, he having consented to this arrangement, and his Professorship be known as that of "Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric."

Resolved, 3d. That in suggesting the changes above indicated, the Board cannot forego the gratification it affords them to testify to the fidelity of Dr. Leland to the high trust confided to him, and to the cheerfulness, ability and acceptance with which he has discharged the duties, onerous as they have been, not only of his own chair proper, but also in part of other chairs in the Institution which, from time to time, have been vacant. They feel, however, and are satisfied that the Synods will feel, that it is due to Dr. Leland, in view of his age, and the infirmities of health incident to it, that he be relieved, as now proposed, of a burden which nothing but the necessities of the Institution could have justified us in permitting so long to rest upon him.

Resolved, 4th. That this Board would hereby recommend to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, the election of the Rev. Dr. Thornwell, to the Chair of Christian Theology, and of Rev. Dr. Palmer, to the Chair of Church History and Polity.

Resolved, 5th. That should these measures meet with the approba-

tion of, and be adopted by, the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, it be further recommended that immediate steps be taken to raise the sum of forty-five thousand dollars for the complete endowment of the Seminary in the enlargement of its organization herein contemplated.

3. To remedy the objection which is felt by some against our institution from the expense of boarding in Columbia, the Executive Committee has been instructed to take up this subject, and devise if possible, a cheaper and more satisfactory arrangement than at present exists. If nothing more is done, the old plan can be resumed, of boarding the students in a club; which had been pursued with very general satisfaction till within a year or two since, when against the wishes of the Faculty and of the Directors it was broken up by the students, to try the experiment of private boarding. The accounts of the old club for 12 years have been examined; and it has been found that the expense of board, on that system, including washing, was an average of \$8 04 per month, or \$1 88 per week. In some Seminaries, as at Bangor in Maine, there is an application of the charities of the Church to a partial payment of the cost of board, so as to reduce it to all, whether beneficiaries or not, to a very low rate. This plan is, perhaps, objectionable, and will strike many minds as a mal-appropriation of the alms of the church. But the extension of Rail Roads from Columbia into the grain-growing sections of the country renders it easy for many, if they will bear it in mind, and especially for those who have relations and friends in the Institution, to send provisions, and thus materially lighten the table expenses of the students; and it is thought that many of our farmers, without diminishing their contributions to other objects, or without lessening their own income, might readily give some portion of the products of their fields, which in their abundance are wasted or lavishly consumed.

4. The Board has hitherto failed in their efforts to send a députation to the Synods of Alabama and Mississippi, to secure a more intimate alliance with those bodies in support of this Institution. It is still borne in mind as an object of very great desire, and if the scheme for the endowment of a fourth Professorship should be undertaken by the Synods, it may become necessary to place this Seminary more distinctly before the minds and hearts of the brethren of those States.

5. The following members go out of the Board at this time, whose places must be filled by a new election :

Ministers.

John Douglas,
M. D. Fraser,
E. Cater,
J. R. Gilland,
S. K. Talmage, D. D.
F. Bowman, D. D.
J. C. Patterson,
E. P. Rogers, D. D.

Laymen.

J. Knox,
W. Adger,
J. A. Crawford,
E. L. Newton,
W. L. Mitchell,
G. E. Thomas.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT

To the Synod of South Carolina, by the Executive Committee for Foreign Missions, November, 1854.

The Executive Committee for Foreign Missions respectfully submit to Synod, the Treasurer's Account for the year just closed.

Since the closing of the Treasurer's Account, the following sums have been received, viz :

From Beech Island Church, Charleston Presbytery,.....	\$16 00
“ Ebenezer Church, Bethel Presbytery,.....	53 00
“ Bethel Church, Bethel Presbytery,.....	41 00
Amount received in New York,.....	85 00

Total,.....\$195 00

This added to the amount received in Charleston, makes in all \$5,181 78. From this it appears that there is an increase in the contribution of Synod for the present year over those of the year previous of \$258 18. It deserves to be noticed that this increase is not nearly as great as that of 1853 over the contributions of previous years. In a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Executive

Committee by the Rev. John C. Lowrie, it is stated, that "in the aggregate, the donations of the churches of the Presbyterian Church throughout the Union, *are less* than the amount received in the same months of last year, by some four thousand dollars," and it is well added, that "this is an unwelcome fact." We are rejoiced to know that this is not true of the churches under the care of this Synod. We would, with devout gratitude to God, record the fact that the contributions of our churches for the present year, exceed those of any previous year. We sincerely trust that the same spirit may continue to pervade them, and that still greater efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ throughout the world, may be made during the coming year. The fact, however, that the increase of contributions during the present year over those of 1853, is far less than that of 1853 over former years, ought to arrest the attention of our churches. It may be that peculiar causes may, in some degree, justify the disproportion. But it has occurred to us as a probable reason why the contributions of the church generally, have so far fallen short during the present year, that the cause of Domestic Missions is regarded by some as overshadowing that of Foreign Missions, and as excluding it from our sympathies. The opinion is not unfrequently advanced, that we have enough to do at home, that our own destitutions are sufficient to occupy our attention, and that it should be left to European Churches to conduct the great work of evangelizing the heathen.

It is not our intention to argue this point. It is not an open question. Until the church can set aside the command of her great Head to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," *the world* must continue to be the field of Missionary effort to every branch of the church.

It is, doubtless, the duty of every branch of the church to devote more than ordinary attention to the evangelization of those regions of country which lie adjacent to it, and are evidently dependent upon its efforts for the supply of their destitutions; and it is true that our own country ought to stand first in our affections and appeal most successfully to our missionary care. But it is not true, that it is the duty of the churches, or of individual Christians to confine their efforts and their contributions to the home field. The world is perishing, and immortal souls are just as precious in China, and in Africa, and in the Isles of the Ocean, as they are in Oregon, in California, and in South Carolina. Our first duty may be to forward the work

of Domestic Missions. It is a great and noble work, and we have not yet fully awoke to its importance and its claims. But it is not our *whole* duty. This ought we to do, and not to leave the other undone. We speak not now of the reflex advantages which accrue from engaging in the work of Foreign Missions,—we speak of *our duty* in regard to it. We sincerely pray that while our churches increase their efforts in behalf of the home field—and God grant them grace to increase them a thousand fold—we pray that they may never ignore the Saviour's catholic command, and may never turn a deaf ear to the dying wail of millions of souls, because they go not down to the pit under their own eyes, and at their own doors. Let our efforts, our prayers, our sympathy, and our love, ever be co-extensive with the limits of the coming dominion of our glorious Lord and Saviour.

THOMAS SMYTH,	} <i>Ex. Com. For. Missions.</i>
JOHN B. ADGER,	
FERDINAND JACOBS,	
JOHN DOUGLAS,	
J. H. THORNWELL,	

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

In Account Current with JAMES ADGER, Treasurer.

1853. Cr.

Nov'r. 9. By cash—

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| Through Mr. David Campbell, monthly collection | |
| Scion church, Winnsboro', . . . | \$76 |
| 12. Through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Bethesda church, Camden, . . . | 40 |
| 14. Monthly collection, 2d. Pres. Ch. Charleston, 13th Nov. | 41 60 |
| 16. Dividend July 1853, on Stock Farmers' Bank, Baltimore,—(Legacy of John Blair,) | 103 |
| 28. Through Andrew Crawford, Esq., Columbia, 1st. Presbyterian Ch., Columbia, . | 174 |

Nov'r. 28. Through Rev. John Douglass—

Col'n. of Pres. ch., Yorkville, 99

" Bethel ch. . . . 54.

" Six M. ch. do. . . . 5

Also, from the following churches :

Liberty Spring, . . \$9 85

Rock, 9

Monthly conc't, Rock, 17 15

Hopewell, (Kee.) . . 71 50

Fem. Ass'n. Rock Sp'g. 5

Warrior Creek, . . 1.

Carmel, 2 95

Aveleigh, 30

Laurens C. H. . . . 1 45

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————— 305 90

Dec'r. 12. Thro' Mr. E. R. Mills, from Fishing Creek

church, 5

Thro' a letter dated Pickens, Ala., annual

donation for a lady, a friend of Missions, 10

20. Thro' Mr. Samuel Clarke, for Beach Island

church, 20

1854.

Jan'y. 2. Monthly coll'n., 2d. Pres. Ch. Charleston,

4th Dec. 39 06

Monthly coll'n., 2d. Pres. Ch. Charleston, 38 75

10. Thro' Gen. S. R. Chandler, from two mem-

bers of Concord Pres. ch., Mrs. Leah

McFadden, \$10: Dr. R. R. Durant, \$10, 20

13. Thro' Mr. Hector Cameron, for 50 copies

of Home and Foreign Record for Hope-

well church, 12 50

14. Through Rev. Thomas Smyth, from the

Moore Missionary Fund of the 2d Pres.

Church, Charleston, 29

16. Thro' Mr. John F. Matheson, collection

Hopewell church, 100

17. Thro' Rev. W. States Lee, from the Pres'n.

church, Edisto Island, 15

- Jan'y. 20. Thro' Judge Whitner, Synodical coll'n.
at Anderson Court House, . . . \$121
————— \$1150 81
28. Thro' Mr. John F. Matheson, from Hepzi-
ba ch. \$6 : Salem B. R. church, \$89, . 95
- Feb'y. 2. Thro' Andrew Crawford, Esq. from 1st.
Pres. Church, Columbia, . . . 60 20
10. Thro' J. B. Bull, Esq., Monthly collection,
Willington church, . . . 20
Monthly collection 2d. Pres. Ch. Charles-
ton, . . . 48
17. Thro' Mr. J. F. Matheson, from the Fe-
male Missionary Society of Presbyteri-
an church, Sumterville, . . . 65
28. Thro' Rev. P. E. Bishop, from Bethesda ch.
to aid the press in Northern India, . . 90
- March 9. Dividend, Jan'y. 7, 1854, on 80 shares
Farmers' & Planter's Bank, Baltimore,
legacy of John Blair, of York, . . 100
Thro' Mr. John F. Matheson, from Bethes-
da church, Camden, \$51 25 : Pine
Tree church, \$10, . . . 61 25
10. Thro' Rev. James A. Wallace, from the
Williamsburg ch. \$33 : from Rev. J.
A. Wallace, \$10, . . . 43
Monthly coll'n. 2d. Pres. ch., Charleston,
5th. March, . . . 50 10
20. Thro' Rev. R. Post, W. P. Finley, \$10 :
Miss Perronneau, \$3 : Miss H. E. Fin-
ley, \$1, . . . 14
- April 5. Thro' Mr. John Knox, annual coll'n. of
Pleasant Grove ch., Bethel Presbytery, 55
10. Thro' Mr. John F. Matheson, from
Darlington church, . . . \$114 25
Cheraw church, . . . 241
————— 355 25
Coll'n. 2d. Pres. Ch., Charleston, 2d. inst. 48 62
12. Thro' Rev. T. A. Hoyt, collection of ch.
of Liberty Hill, . . . 53

April 14.	Thro' Mr. Sam'l. Clarke, coll'n. Beach Is-		
	land church,	\$10	
	Thro' Rev. S. Donnelly, from Maj.		
	W. Sproul, Bethesda ch., for the		
	Waldensean church, \$20, int. 2, 22		
	Rock ch., a family offering to ed-		
	ucate a young man in N. India, 28		
			50
18.	Thro' J. B. Bull, Esq., Monthly coll'n.,		
	Willington church,	20	
20.	Thro' Mr. John F. Matheson, from—		
	Midway Church,	\$ 3	50
	Harmony "	11	
	Brewington "	27	
	Lebanon "	23	
	Salem, L. R. "	35	
	Bishopville "	3	
	Horeb "	8	
	Mt. Zion "	127	25
			237 75
24.	Thro' Mr. J. J. Bonner, Treasurer of For.		
	missions of Associate Reformed Synod,		
	for the education of certain boys in Af-		
	rica, \$98, less disc't. \$2 27,	95	73
			1571 90
28.	Thro' Dr. W. B. Corbett, from a member		
	of Wilton church,	5	
29.	Thro' Mr. J. Brown, from Beersheba ch.	11	35
May 1.	Annual coll'n. 2d. Pres. Ch., Charleston,	127	60
	Thro' Mr. W. Banks, coll'n. of Catholic		
	church, on 16th April last,	58	05
	5. From "The Moore Fund" of 2d. Pres. .	86	75
12.	Thro' J. B. Bull, Esq., monthly collecton		
	Willington church,	20	
17.	Thro' Mr. J. G. Davidson, from Bullock		
	Creek church,	10	
18.	Thro' Rev. Tho. Smyth, a private contri-		
	bution from a little circle of friends, for		
	supporting a Waldensian Mis. in Europe, 152		

May 25.	Thro' Mr. J. J. Bonner, Treas'r. of Foreign Missions of Associate Reformed Synod for the Education of certain Boys in Africa,	\$ 4 27
	26. Thro' Rev. Edwd. Palmer, coll'n. of Pres. church, Walterborough,	30
June 5.	Col'n. 2d. Pres. Ch. Charleston, 4th. June,	53 30
	17. Collection of Juvenile Missionary Society of 2d. Pres. Church, Charleston,	9 35
July 6.	Thro' Mr. J. J. Bonner, Treas'r. Foreign Missions of Associate Reformed Synod for Education of certain Boys in Africa, 200	
	7. Thro' Andrew Crawford, Esq., monthly coll'n. of Pres. Church, Columbia, S. C.	125 81
	15. Thro' Mr. F. H. Simons, coll'n. in Sabbath School, Pres. Ch., Yorkville,	7
	17. Collection, 2d. Pres. Ch., Charleston,	26 37
		<hr/> \$926 85
	31. Thro' J. B. Bull, Esq., monthly collection Willington church,	20
August 4.	From "The Moore Fund," 2d. Pres. Ch., Charleston,	24
	7. Monthly coll'n., 2d. Pres. Ch. 6th Aug.	27 33
	9. Thro' Dr. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton Pres. Ch.	9
	14. Thro' Mr. John F. Matheson, coll'n. Pres. Church, Camden,	70 69
	25. Thro' Mr. J. G. Davidson, from Bullock's Creek church,	10
Sept. 4.	Monthly coll'n. 2d. Pres. Ch., Charleston, 3d. Sept.,	16 05
	19. Thro' Dr. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton church,	12 50
Oct'br. 2.	Thro' Mr. W. Banks, from Mount Olivet church, Fairfield Dist.,	8
	Concord ch. "	7
		<hr/> 15
	6. Thro' Mr. F. R. Simril, part of coll'n. in Sabbath School, Yorkville church,	4

Oct'br. 7. Thro' Rev. J. R. Baird, from Allison Creek church, Presbytery of Bethel,	9	
Shiloh ch., " " "	7	
		\$16
10. Thro' Rev. J. Douglass, Monthly Concert,		
James Island church,	40	
Ladies' Sewing Society, do.	31	
Donation of Rev. J. Douglass,	40	
		111
18. Thro' Mr. A. A. James, coll'n. at		
Fair Forest ch. Union District,		
for Foreign Missions,	12	
For Domestic Missions,	10	
		22
27. From Agricola,		100
Thro' Mr. A. O. Norris, Treas'r. So. Carolina Pres'ry., from Rock ch.,	\$38	16
From Rocky River ch.,	12	
Donation of J. B. Strickland,		
(deceased,)	20	
Midway, \$5 : Little River,		
Abb., 5,	10	
Betha, 6 50 : Mrs M. Simpson, 2,	8	50
Mrs. Dorroh, 1 : Nazareth,		
20 35,	21	35
Hopewell, (Kee.)	86	35
Providence,	25	
Mount Bethel,	15	25
Laurens C. H.	15	35
North Pacolet,	3	10
Antioch, 5 60 : Mt. Zion, 1,	6	60
Broadway, 3 : Hopewell, 5,	8	
Lebanon, 22 50 : Carmel 5,	27	50
Rev. Wm. McWhorter,	3	
Spartanburg C. H. 17 76 :		
Mrs. W. Boyd, 1,	18	76
Gilder's Crk., 14 25 : War-		
rrior's Creek, 2,	16	25

Oct'r. 27. Upper Long Cané, \$105 55: An-	
derson, 3,	\$108 55
Mount Calvary, 6 20: Good	
Hope, 25 40,	31 60
Greenville, 23 62: Friendship,	
13,	36 63
Mr. M. Simpson, 2: a lady, 1:	
Little River, 7,	10
Liberty Spring, 15 30: War-	
rior Creek, 1,	16 30
Rock, (2 35 of this sum paid	
by col'd. members,)	27 87
Ladies' Sewing Society, Green-	
wood,	10
Ladies' Sewing Society, Rocky	
Spring,	5 90
Aveleigh, 12: Mrs. Reid, of Le-	
banon, 5,	17
	————— 599 02
Thro' And. Crawford, Esq. coll'n. Pres.	
Ch., Columbia,	49 11
Dividend, July, 1854, on 80 shares Far-	
mers' and Planters' Bank, Baltimore,	
legacy of John Blair, of York,	103
Nov'r. 6. Thro' Rev. J. L. Girardeau, from Anson	
Street col'd. congregation,	47
7. Monthly collection 2d. Pres. Ch. Charles-	
ton, 5th. Nov.	21 52
From "The Moore Fund" of 2d.	
Pres. Church, for Mission in Af-	
rica,	20
	————— 41 52
9. Thro' Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Pres. Ch.	
Camden,	23
10. Through Rev. J. Corbett, from Wilton .	
church,	17
	————— 2337 22
	————— \$4986 78

Appropriated as follows:

1854.

Feb'y. 6.	To James Adger & Co. Draft on Brown, Bro. & Co., in favor of, and remitted to, Wm. Rankin, Jr. Esq.; Treasurer, for \$1146 50, $\frac{3}{8}$ per cent. prem.,	1150 81
8.	Paid order of Rev. Tho. Smyth, for expenses forwarding Missionary Pamphlets to Synod,	1 50
		<hr/> 1152 31
April 26.	Paid Executive Committee, order to remit balance of funds on hand—Remitted in James Adger & Co's. Draft on Brown, Bro. & Co., New York, in favor of, and remitted to, W. Rankin, Jr. Esq. Treasurer, payable on presentation, for 1564 54, $\frac{3}{8}$ prem.,	1570 40
July 29.	Paid Executive Committee, order to remit amount of funds in hand—Remitted on check of Bank of Charleston, on Bank of the State, New York, in favor of, and remitted to, W. Rankin, Jr. Esq. Treasurer, for \$922 24, $\frac{1}{2}$ per ct. prem.	926 85
Nov. 15.	To James Adger & Co., Draft on Brown, Bro. & Co., in favor of, and remitted to, Wm. Rankin, Jr. Esq., Treasurer, payable on presentation,	1337 22
		<hr/> \$4986 78

JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

Charleston, 15th. Nov. 1854.

We have examined the above account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

W. C. DUKES,
J. M. CALDWELL.

OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University beg leave to present to the Synods the following Report:

The number of Students in the College proper during the last year, was sixty-four. Of the Senior Class, consisting of fourteen, who graduated at the late Commencement, several of them, it is expected, will engage in the Christian Ministry.

The Faculty inform us that the past year has been one of orderly conduct and regular attention to study among the young men, and highly satisfactory.

During the Winter and Spring, God was pleased, in mercy, once more, to visit this favored nursery of the Church with a refreshing shower of Grace, during which a number of the students were brought hopefully into the Kingdom of Christ. It is a remarkable fact that the special influences of Grace were this year, as in two former years in the history of the Institution, manifested first on the evening of the last Thursday of February. This should encourage the Churches to pray to the Lord of the Harvest, and especially on the day annually set apart by the General Assembly, that God would be pleased to pour out copiously of his Holy Spirit upon our literary Institutions, and upon the rising generation.

May this beloved and cherished seat of learning of our Synods become increasingly the abode of true piety, and of solid science. The Board beg leave to call the attention of the Synods especially to the fiscal condition of the College; and for this purpose we will incorporate in our Report the Annual Report of our Treasurer, who, with

the fiscal agent, has recently gone into a laborious investigation of the affairs of the College.

The Treasurer of Oglethorpe University respectfully presents the following exhibit of the property of the Institution, and of the receipts, disbursements, &c., of the present year.

The property of the College consists of the College edifice and dormitories; the President's house; about four hundred acres of land; Apparatus; Library; the Alabama Professorship; the South Carolina Professorship; the Georgia and Florida Professorship.

College building, dormitories and President's house, cost

(say)	\$50,000 00
The 400 acres Land cost (say)	4,000 00
Apparatus, cost (say)	1,000 00

Library consists of about 1,500 volumes.

How much the buildings have depreciated in value from the lapse of time and regular occupancy, the Treasurer is unable to say. The above figures being given from general recollection, lay no claim to minute accuracy.

The Alabama Professorship.

The assets of this Professorship, and also of the South Carolina Professorship, are held and managed by Committees appointed by the Synods of those States, respectively. No report has been recently received from the Alabama Committee, of the condition of the funds of that Professorship. The nominal value of its assets, when last heard from, was \$24,000. Of this sum, about \$8,000 have been collected and invested by loan to responsible individuals—\$2,500 more have been invested in a residence for the Alabama Professor. The balance (14,000) still remains in the hands of the original contributors.

The South Carolina Professorship.

The nominal value of its assets, as appears from the report of Rev. Dr. Howe, made in July last, is \$26,304 '61. Of this sum \$4,000 is in Georgia State 6 per cent. bonds. About \$14,500 in hands of J. Adger & Co., Charleston, at 7 per cent.; and the remainder is in notes and subscriptions. There can be no doubt that the two Professorships already mentioned will fail to realize some of the amounts called for by their notes and subscriptions. The Treasurer has not

the data for making even a probable estimate of the loss that will arise from this source.

The Georgia and Florida Professorship.

This is the only Professorship whose assets are in the Treasury of the College, and deposited with the Treasurer. Their nominal value is \$25,295. Of this sum \$5,900 is in bonds and Rail Road stock. The remainder (\$19,395) is in notes and subscriptions.

The following classification of these notes and subscriptions has been made with the assistance of R. H. Ramsay, Esq., Fiscal Agent:

Notes and subscriptions considered good,	\$12,770 00
Notes and subscriptions considered doubtful,	3,525 00
Notes and subscriptions considered bad,	3,100 00

Total,	\$19,395 00
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In the above estimate are included the notes and subscriptions obtained in the early part of the present year by Rev. J. W. Hume, which, deducting his per centage, amount to \$2,371.

In classifying the notes and subscriptions, no data were at hand for determining the character of some \$2,500 of the assets. This was reckoned as good.

To determine the probable *real* value of the funds of the Georgia and Florida Professorship, it will be necessary to make a deduction of 20 per cent. from the nominal value of the part which may be reduced to money to pay for collecting it. So scattered are the debtors to the Professorship, that 20 per cent. for collecting must be regarded as the minimum of expense. Even this, which may, at first view, seem to be an extravagant expenditure, the Treasurer is satisfied will give but a very moderate compensation to the agent.

To the notes re-considered good, to wit,	\$12,770 00
Adding half of those re-considered doubtful, to wit,	1,762 50

We have,	14,532 50
Deducting 20 per cent. for collection,	2,906 50

We have,	11,626 00
And adding bonds and Rail Road Stock,	5,900 00

Yields,	\$17,526 00
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as the probable *real* value of the Professorship. When it is remem-

bered that about \$2,500 are classed as good, about which nothing definite is known, and that the mutations of fortune may render worthless some notes and subscriptions which are now thought to be good, it is believed that the above estimate will not be considered too low. The Treasurer feels bound to say that he believes this estimate too high rather than too low. It is absolutely certain that the notes and subscriptions considered good, will, as a whole, be constantly diminishing in value until they are changed into a permanent investment in bonds and stocks.

As the inquiry is frequently made, what has become of the \$60,000 subscribed for the purpose of endowing the Institution, the Treasurer begs leave to present the following extract from the report of the Board to the Synod, made in 1852: "It is true that this sum (\$60,000) was subscribed, but on inquiry we find that \$5,000 were subscribed in Alabama, and were retained in that State to aid in raising the amount requisite to the endowment of the Witherspoon Professorship. The sum of \$4,237 was subscribed in South Carolina, and was appropriated by our friends in that State to a similar object. Of the residue of the said promised fund, to wit, \$50,753, the sum of \$6,753 has been applied to the payment of officers; \$19,730 were paid to compromise the large debt referred to in the Report of Dr. Howe, and \$3,612 were used in the current expenses of the Institution," leaving a balance of \$20,658, which is now held as part of the Georgia and Florida Professorship. Subsequent sales of Scholarship, &c., have increased this sum up to the nominal amount of \$25,295, as previously stated.

The receipts and disbursements of the present year have been as follows:

Collections of principal of notes and subscriptions,.....\$1,810 00

Bought with a portion of this fund:

13 Shares of Milledgeville and Gordon R. R. Stock at \$90

per share,.....1,170 00

Paid R. H. Ramsay 20 per cent. on that part of

the principal fund which he collected,..... 255 15

Paid money borrowed of Rev. D. Humphries,

Trustee of "the Story Legacy,"..... 385 00

—————\$1,810 00

The receipts of Contingent Fund stand as given below, to wit:

Interest on Notes, Bonds and Stock,.....\$1,297 00

Collection of the Augusta Church,.....	330 00
Borrowed from Permanent Fund,.....	800 00
One Family Scholarship sold,.....	100 00
Tuition and Room rent for the last term of '53,.....	285 00
Tuition during the present year, '54,.....	361 00
Room rent for the present year,.....	444 00
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	\$3,617 00

Contingent Fund disbursed as follows:

Paid Dr. Talmage on account of salary for the past and present year,.....	\$1,887 40
Paid Dr. Talmage for Traveling expenses for the College, ..	36 00
Paid Professor Woodrow, on account of salary for the past and present year,.....	1,042 00
To R. H. Ramsay 20 per cent. on the amount of Interest collected by him,.....	200 00
For repairs,.....	235 48
Traveling expenses of Rev. J. W. Hume, Agent,.....	50 00
To J. G. Dunlap, publishing expenses in New Orleans,...	104 48
Catalogues,.....	25 00
Circulars,.....	6 40
Balance due the former Treasurer,.....	3 86
Blank book,.....	90
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Total of Contingent Fund disbursed,.....	3,592 62
Balance now in the Treasury,.....	24 53
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	\$3,617 16

Indebtedness of the College.

Inasmuch as the salaries of the Alabama and South Carolina Professors are paid by the Committees of the two Synods, the salaries of the President and the Georgia and Florida Professor are the only ones to be directly paid by the Board. At the close of the present year there will be

A balance due Professor Woodrow of.....	\$ 257 50
A balance due Dr. Talmage,.....	1,334 25
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	\$1,591 75

This sum, \$1,591 75, forms the entire indebtedness of the Institution, of which the Treasurer has any knowledge. In concluding this Report, the Treasurer begs leave, explicitly, to disclaim all responsibility for the preservation of the assets, &c., now in his hands, or of those which may hereafter be deposited with him, beyond that called for by the principles of strict honesty, and by the amount of care he bestows upon the preservation of his own evidences of debt. This disclaimer is to be understood to extend to all responsibility as to money that may be paid into his hands, growing out of the failures of banks, or the depreciation of their bills, whilst the money may be in the Treasury awaiting orders for disbursement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. LANE.

Oglethorpe University, Nov. 20th, 1854.

The College buildings and dormitories now need some \$2,000 worth of repairs, for which provision should be made. There should, also, be provided means to secure an increase of the College Library and Apparatus, if we would give our College the best possible advantages, and hold out every inducement for patronage.

The Board beg leave, with earnestness and emphasis, to call the attention of Synod to the necessity of immediate efforts on the part of the Churches to endow this Institution. They present it now as substantially free from debt, and they cherish the hope that the objection which, heretofore, has so hindered effort in its behalf, that it was obliged to sink under the weight of pecuniary embarrassment, is no longer an obstacle. That means can be at once raised to place it upon the high ground which it is clearly destined to occupy, they do not believe, the more especially as the country, at this moment, labours under unusual pressure. The religious education of the youth of the Church, and indeed of the State, is no longer a questioned policy or a doubtful obligation. The Synods of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama, have settled that question, and Oglethorpe is the adopted agency of these Synods to carry out that policy and to fulfil that objection. It is, therefore, their duty to devise the means which, notwithstanding the pressure of the times, will, ere long, accomplish the reasonable and permanent endowment of it. The University is the child of the Synod by adoption, and the obligations of a parent

rest upon it. The union of secular religious education is the recognised means of building up the Church—purifying the world and declaring the glory of God; and, it is, therefore, a religious obligation to make that agency effective. In a moral sense the Synod is the Trustee of a very considerable estate invested in the work of religious education; and the necessities of that trust requires that that estate not only be saved from sinking, but to be so used, and so enlarged as to yield the largest profit. What ought to be done, is a question easily answered. Oglethorpe ought to be made equal to the educational wants of the age and the country.

What can be done, is, however, the practical question which the Board beg leave to address to the mind and conscience of the members of the Synod. It is known to us that the Synods of South Carolina and Alabama are earnest and cordial in their support of the University. We have reason to believe that they stand ready to coöperate with us, and with the Synod of Georgia, in any practical scheme for its endowment. And the Board are satisfied that the time has at length arrived when, if the proper means are used, the Churches of Georgia can be inspired with zeal for its prosperity, and stimulated to earnest effort to have it. Without reasoning the subject—a work unnecessary and impracticable in this Report—the Board submit that it is now possible, and certainly necessary to endow a Fourth Professorship, and to complete the endowment of the Georgia and Florida Professorship. This, they think, can be done in the course of a few years by Synodical requisitions upon the Churches in proportion to their means, and by the creation of agencies for the perfecting of the work.

The Board, therefore, respectfully request that the Synod consider of the subject. They submit the matter to the Synod—believing that it is wise, and also respectful, leaving with them the mentioning of the plan by which the funds are to be raised.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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